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Where authorities disagree we should advise the ladies to "mak' siccar," and propose on both days, thus ensuring that they should not fail to secure the correct date!

They have, indeed, both law and usage on their side in this matter at least. About 1228, the sober, serious Scottish Parliament passed an Act by which it was, "ordainit that during yo reign of her maist blessed Maiestie Margaret ilka maiden ladee of baith high and lowe. estate schal bae liberty to speak the man she likes. Gif he refuse to tak hir to be his wif, he schal be mulct in ye sum of ane hundrit poundis, or less as his estate may be, except and alwais, gif he can mak it appear that he is betrothit to anither woman, then he schal be free."

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The man who had not wit enough to shelter his threatened freedom under profession. affection for some other lady who had no design upon it was indeed "in a fix," for there was the fine to be met. There was no evading of that; for even when the economical Scot pleaded poverty there was still a modified fine to be met. He dare not turn off the lady's attack by any self-defensive slight; for in a work on "Courtship, Love, and Marriage," published in 1660, it was laid down that that not only was the privilege become part of the common lawe," but also that "no man will be entitled to benefit of clergy, who doth in any way treat her proposal with slight or contumely. Perhaps this clause for their protection had

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 18th March, to SATURDAY, the 21st March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1908. CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPAN

NOTICE.

THIRTIETH ORDINARY A NUAL MEETING of the SHARE HOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents on THURSDAY, the 20th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 26th Mu both days inclusive.

General Agents. Hongkong, 6th March, 1908

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NOTICE.

LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINA ANNUAL MEETING of the SHARE HOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents on THURSDAY, the 26th March, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1,007.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents. Hongkong, 6th March, 1908.

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE HOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, George's Building, 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 30th March, 1918, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1907, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 25th March, to MO DAY, the 30th March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Unngkong, 18th March, 1908.

Consignees.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 23rd March, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before MONDAY, the 23rd March, or they will not be recognized ... · All damaged packages will be examined on

MONDAY, the 23rd March, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Hongkone, 16th March, 1008 NOTICE' TO CONSIGNEES.

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swill be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge of the versel will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and

21st inst, will be landed at Consignees risk and expense.

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THE " ALACRIT!" CULLISION.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

(Present-Lord Macanghion, Lord Atlinson Sir Anbur Wilson, and Sir Gore

Barnes.) The board as thus constituted sat on in ult, to hear consolidated appeals arising out a collision at sea. Admiral Rodney M. Lloyd C.B., and Caption Caborno, C.B., R.N.R., acted nautical assessors.

The China Navigation Company, Limited, V .- (1) The Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiratof the United Kingdom; (2) Commander Leatham.

judgment of his Britannic Majesty's Supreme-Court for China and Korea, at Shanghal. The ship Chinkiang and her Majesty's despatch the Chinkians, a screw steamship, of 1,935 tons Swatow, carrying a general cargo. The Alacrity, | swore that on the same occasion, November a twin-screw vessel, of 1,700 tons register, and 4, he told Bernheim that Black had a half engines of 2,000 h p, was proceeding from interest and Dooly a half interest in the Watch Shanghai to. Wei-hai-wei. The appellants al- Club, that a joint stock Company was being leged that the Afacrity did not proceed at a formed, and that he was only manager. Mr. moderate speed; that she did not, on hearing, Bernheim denies this; but Mr. Thomas's stateapparently forward of her beam, the fog signal ment is corroborated by Mr. II. J. Black, who says of another yessel, stop her engines, and navi- that Thomas told him on leaving Carlowitz that JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ldis. gate with caution; that she used a sizen instead be was then going to Messrs. Ullman & Co.'s of a whistle; and that she ought to have re- for that purpose. And plaintiffs' knowledge versed when she stopped. The respondents | before December 3, when the first delivery of contended that those on board the Chinkiang did not observe Amcles 15", 16, 19, 22, 23, and 29 of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sear On August 1, 1906, the respondent Commissioners commenced an action of damages in the Supreme Court of China and Korea, at Shanghal, against the appellants in respect of damage caused to the Alucrity, and shortly afterwards the appellants brought a cross-action against Commander Leatham, the officer in command of the Alacrity, for the damage suffered by the Chinklang. The two actions were tried together, and on the same evidence, before the Acting Judge of the Court, Assisted by an assessor. The Acting Judge held the Chingkiang alone to blame, and delivered judgment for the Alacrity, with costs, in the first action, and for Commander Leatham, with costs, in the second action. The Court was of opinion that the Chingblang should have stopped as soon as two successive blasts had led her to suspect that the singals came from a vessel firward of her beam and that as the assessor made out from her log that the Chingkiang was steaming at of knots before it a.m , such a speed was too high. From the judgment of the Supreme Court for China and Korea the appellants preferred this appeal to His Majesty

> At the close of the arguments for the resnondents.

Their Lordships did not call upon counselfor the appellants to reply. Lord Macagghten said their Lordships would reserve judgment.

THE SHANGHAI WATCH CLUB. . H.B SUPREME COURT.

Shanghai, March II. Before F. S. A. BOURNE, Esq., Assistant Judge.

ULLAINN & CO. P. IVOR THOMAS. In this case in which Mr. G. H. Wright (Messrs, Ganson, McNeill and Jones) appeared for the plaintiffs and defendant was not represented by Counsel, the following judgment was delivered;

The plaintiffs claim that defendant owes them \$1,715.75, the price/of goods sold and delivered no and after December 3, 1907, (1) because the contract was between them and the defendant and that they, the plaintiffs, had no privity with the Shanghai Watch Club; or in the alternative (3) because the defedant per therein. In regard to (1) the offer of Messrs. Ullman & Co., under which th goods were bought was made on November 12 1907, to Mr. H. J. Black and the acceptance dated Dacember 3,1907, was signed Shanghai

Watch Club, by Ivor Thomas, Manager. The contract was therefore bettwen the plaintiffs on the one hand, and the Shanghai Watch Club, whoever they may turn out to be, on the other; and not beween Uliman & Co. and Thomas. In regard to (2)-that Thomas was in fact a

partner-it was proved that Black and Dooly had the intention to register at the U.S. Copsulate a corporation to be called the Gillette Development Co, to take over the Watch Cinb. and that Mr. Thomas did in November 1907, pay up \$225 on one out of eighty one-thousanddollar-shares in the proposed company, because he was told by Mr. Black that the manager ought to own a share. Now from the issued form of share certificate in this proposed company, which has been put in in evidence, I must conclude that the company was to be a corporation with limited liability under U.S. law, and that in the event of the company being registered and wound up, Mr. Thomas contemplated being liable to the extent of his share and no further, ... On the evidence I cannot find that he ever intended or agreed to become the partner of Messra Black and Dooley in the Shanghai Watch Club'so as to be liable Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M., of the for the whole of any debts they might incertor that he is stopped by his conduct from pleading. that he never so agreed. There has been so much juggling with words and forms that it i difficult to know quite where one is; but I can not see how he can be declared a parteer

firm when his obvious intention was to be

merely a shareholder in a projected company,

and bat in favour of plaintiffs, whom he bad

told that he was only manager. himself out to Uliman as a partner to the Watch Club -there is a serious condict of withdraw

By the letter of November 12, 1907, from Black to Uliman, at the foot of which appears, Ivor Thomas signature after the words, "Mr. Ivos Thomas will sign," he certainly did so bold himself out, and if the matter had rested there the plaintiff would be entitled to judgment under section 14 of the Partnership Act, 1890; but the defendant swears that on or about November 14, he called on Messral Carlowith & Co. when Mr. Berthould, their employee, pointed out to him that the form of the letter of November 12, 1907 made, him, Thomas, personally liable. He says he replied that the letter bad been drawn by Mr. Black and handed to him to affix his signature when he way very busy; that he had carelessly not observed the wording of the letter; and that it ought to have read the management of the business of the Watch These were two consolidated appeals from a Club was transferred to him and not the busiitself. He further says that as identical letters. had been sent to Messrs, Ullman & Co. and to. appeals arose out of a collision which occurred | Messrs. Hope Brothers, he infor ned both on June 6, 1926, between the appellants' steam- | there firms of the mistake in the letter. He went from Chrlowitz's office to Messrs. vessel Alacrity. At the time of the collision Ullman & Cols, where he explained the mistake personally to Mr. Bornbeim, their gross, register, fitted with engines of 150 h.p. manager, namely that the words "management nominal was on a voyage from Chefoo to of "ought to be inserted. Mr. Thomas further

> goods was made that Mr. Thomas was manager and not owner of the Watch Club, is further shown by Mr. Black's evidence that he told Beinheim about the latter part of November that he had sold the Watch Club to the Gillette Development Co .- Dooly and others-but that he still retained 7/16 interest in it; and by Mr. Douly's evidence that on January 20, Mr. Bembeim applied to him for payment, saying nothing about Thomas, so far as he, Dooly could remember. On the evidence therefore I must determine that Bernheim had express notice from Thomas before any of these goods were supplied that the letter of November 12 was wrongly worded and that Thomas was manager, of and not partner in, the Shanghai Watch Club, i.z. that he did not hold himself

out as alleged. It therefore saems to me that the plaintiffs have suod the wrong person, and that I ought to give judgment for the defendant with costs: Judgment accordingly.-N. C. D. News.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE CHRISTIAN SKOTT is this day

authorized to Sign the name of II. SKOTT'& Co.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1908,

NOTICE

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MARRIAGE. On March to, 1908, al Shanghai, WILLIAM ROBINSON TOWNSEND, B.E., A.M.I.C.E., Tientsin, second son of the late Major John Tuckey, of Kilronan, Dunmanway, Co. Cork, Ireland to MARY GRACE, daughter of Charles Donovan, Esq., Indian Civil Service (retired), of Ummera House, Timoleague, Co. Cork, Ire-

hic Mongkong Welegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1908.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANG. HAL BANK

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation occupies so conspicuous a place in the economic conditions of the whole of the Far East that special interest will be felt in the report of the proceedings at the first annual dinner held in London on 18th ult. If we eliminate the handful of guests, whose pleasure it was to be present at this inaugural event, if will be seen that the service which could muster a hundred on a single evening in London alone is no small one. This consisted only of the home staff, and the comparatively few of the large staff abroad who happened to be on leave. The London and China Express whose editorial comments on the function we quote, . gives a lengthy report of the proceedings. Much. that was said will prove of interest to others who do not belong to the bank, and who may not even be the fortunate holders of shares, but to whom the Hongkong Bank is a real live institution of the Far East, with to them the interesting account given of the origin of the bank by the Chairman of the London-Committee, Sir Thomas Jackson, reproduced elsewhere in this issue will prove entertaining reading. Various accounts have been current of the origin of the bank, and of the assemblage of that committee which met, according to popular report, as the result of post-prandial conversation. Of the originators, only two now remain-Sir Thomas Sutherland and Mr. Arthur Sassoon. The committee considered if it was good enough for Bombay. then in the heat of an exciting financial boom, to donate Hongkong and China with a bankwall, it was good enough for Hongkong to take the matter in band itself. The inception in 1864 produced the bank in the early months a week later.

of 1865, with the late Victor Kresser as the first general manager. Though Bombay had exhausted its boom in 1865, and was, on the contrary, going through a disastrous financial crisis, that wrought havoc to the fortunes of many a China hand as well, the new Bank did well in that year. The Bombay slump had the effect of reducing the foreign banks in China to half their number, and left the then greatly powerful Oriental Bank Corporation as the admitted head of them all. For the privilege of possessing that brok's paper you usually had to pay \$d. more. It was not only 1865 that had many dangers for financial craft, In 1886 came the great Overend Gurney smash, and in its train came the downfall of the erstwhile great houses of Dent's, Lindsay's, Fletcher's, and numerous others. Nurtured on such public expression of his appreciation material, the young bank had to tread cautiously. But as Sir Thomas Jackson point-'ed out, if the fishing is to be good the waters must be ttoubled. They were assuredly troubled, but the bank was not swept off its own rock, and therefore fished with some considerable anxiety, but withall with profit to its shareholders. Since those days it has had many ups and downs, and its share's have had wide limits in their quotations. It has, as a result achieved the powerful position it now occupies | Macao in particular. with a captial of fifteen millions, of dollars, and declared reserves of twenty-eight and a half millions of dollars. It will not be possible to note all its achievements, but it has been the means of introducing Chinese credit and loans to the West, whilst though the first Japanese loan came through the auspices of the Oriental Bank Corporation, the Hongkong Bank has had a considerable hand in all the later issues. It has so become a portion of the life of the For East that it may safely be said anything affecting its fortunes greatly affects every foreign community in that part of the world That those communities will join in the good wishes expressed at this first annual gathering we may take as a foregone conclusion,

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

LADY EUGARD returned to the Colony by the mail steamer Marmora from Shanghai this

THE P. and O. s.s. Nore, which left London or 16th ult. took the following specie for Singapore:-Silver coin £ 17.556. ...

A JAPANESE paper says that a well-known share broker of Tokio has had made five name cards valued at yen 3,500 each. The cards are made of gold and set with diamonds.

AT the Police Court, this morning, a foreigner was sentenced to three weeks hard labour for was also charged with being a vagrant.

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ld. annumices that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending March 7. 1908, amounted to 23,700,78 tons and the sales during the period to 11,824.60 tons.

WR hear from Canton that Mr. J. W. Loureiro, acting deputy commissioner at Canton, will probably be transferred to Kongmun, on the West River, as acting Commissioner, Chinese Imperial Maritimo Customs; Mr. Loureiro's promotion will be leavnt with pleasure by his friends in Hongkong. 🦬

To-MORROW Mr. Justice Wise leaves Hong. kong on a well-earned holiday. During his. absence from the Colony Mr. H. H. J. Gomperte, first police magistrate, will act as puisne judge, whilst Mr. J. R. Wood, formerly of the Registrar-General's department, will be appointed second police magistrale.

THE Florida water - trade-mark case we concluded at the Police Court, to-day. The magistrate-Mr. . H. J. Gompertz-found that a prima facie case had been made against the accused-Chan Cheung and two others-and he was committed to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

THE death of Dr. Naka, Tsussi, the mos distinguished Japanese authority on Chinese history and a Professor of Tokio Imperial University and the Tokio Higher Normal School, took place on Sunday night at his residence at Tokio. Prior to his death, the Emperor was pleased to promote his rank and to confer upon him the Order of the Crown.

Wz are requested by the Committee which looked after the concert in aid of the blind on one or other of whose branches they have Saturday last to state that the response to their forts were most satisfactory. We understand hat a sum somewhat over \$600 will be at the disposal of the Committee for his good work. We are also requested to state that the Committee is exceedingly grateful to the Robinson Piono Company for the help they gave them and for the manner in which all the arrangements were carried out.

> on a charge of stealing St. 100 from a leather and the Hongkong Printing Press. It was bis back to procure the stuff accused stretched Society St. Vincent de Paul, Sociedade Philar, L. Kempthores; Forwards, G. D. Mcliraith, P. | be had experted and also contrary to the across the counter and from the safe, removed | monics, Lustiano Fopthall Club, Club Venatorio, [C. Hall, R. Monro, B. C. M. Johnston, P. poople's wishes, H.R. further added that in all

THE LATE CONSUL-GENERAL KAN KUMANO.

THE FUNERAL

All that was most of of the Life Counstheiro Agostinha Guilherme Romano, Conant-Geraral for Portugal and Consul for Brizil in Hongkong, who died at his to idence, on the 18th inst., was laid to rest in the Roman Catholic cemetery at Happy Valley this alternoon amidst all demonstrations of popular sympathy and respect in which the deceased was held. Of the numerous expressions of condolence with the bereaved widow, none perhaps have expressed greater sympathy than the letter which had, been received by Mrs. Romano from Sir Frederick Lugard, who also sent a beautiful wreath, "His Excellency the Governor, since his arrival in the Colony, has, on more than one occasion, given the Portuguese residents in Hougkong and his present sympathy with Mrs. Romano her hour of bereavement is yet another mark of his kindly consideration with the widow and the community at the loss of their Consul General. The despatch, which was received by Vice-Consul Leiria from the Governor of Macao to-day, was also a thoroughly sympa thetic message, and r. corded His Excellency's and his predecessors' space of gratitude for M Romano's long and honourable services to the Pattuguese Government and to the Colony The funeral took place this afternoon. The

ortege started from "Duart" in Arbut not Road for the Roman Catholic Cathedral; the coffin was carried on the shoulders of young friends of the de ceased. The Absolution was given b the Rt. Rev. Bishop D. Poironi assisted by the Rov. Fathers P. Gabardi, provicar, P. de Maria and C. M. Spada. The ceremony concluded, the cortege proceeded by way of Albany Road to the Happy Valley Arriving at Morrison Hill Gap, it was headed by the Band of the Sociedade Philarmonica, of which the late Senhor Romano was the honorary president. The Band played Chopin's Fuperal March and to the sa strains of the music, the procession slowly bruceeded along to the Roman Catholic Cemetery. It was formed of the Band, followed by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. de Figueirede, Dr. and Mrs. tiful casket of English oak was draped with the flags of Portugal and Brazil. On white satin cushion, were placed all th losignias of the various Orders of Portugal and Spain which had been conferred on the deceased, together with the sword of the Knighthood of Christ'of Portugal together with the helmet Mr. J. J. Leina, who is a nephew of the late M Romano, Vice-Count. for Portugal and Biar. was the principal mourner. The cortege was joined at the Monument by Capt. P. H. M. Tay. lor, A.D.C., representing H. E. the Governore and Capt. Monteiro, who was present on behalf of the Governor of Macao, H. E. Sephor Coutinho, H. E. the Major-General Commanding the Forces in Hongkong was represented by Capt. Heathcote. A.D.C. : Commollore, Stokes, R.N. was present in person, accompanied begging at Wanchai yesterday. The accused by his Private Secretary, Captain Blanchflower. There were also present all the Consular representatives In Hong. kong of the foreign powers, the flags at whose Consulates remained at half-mast again to-day; and the Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C M G., the Hon, Dr. Ho Kai, the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, Dr. Bateson Wright, Messrs. H. . Mbdy, W E. Clarke, Choa Leep Chee, A. Rodger, K. Hermann, Francisco Tse Yat and many others. Several officials from the Macao Gevernment also attended, besides the leading members of the public service of Hongkong. including also representatives of the mercantile community in the Colony. The criminalsessions occupied the time of the Chief Justice this afternoon, and Sir Francis Piggott could not be present in consequence. The Committees and members of the Club Lusitano and the Catholic Union attended in a body, while al most every member of the Portuguese community who could get away from their offices on this mail day followed in tribute of respect of their honoured dead. The Rev. Father Nu-

> · From the Cemetery gate to the grave, the balance at general, working account coffin was borne on the shoulders of several of Mr. Romano's young friends. The service at the grave-ide, which was that prescribed by the rituals of the Roman Catholic Church, was conducted by Bishop Pozzoni, assisted by: the members of the R. C. Clergy. At the cemetery, there were present, besides the general community, the Rev. Fathers of the Mission Etrangeres in Hongkoog, of the Spanish Dominican Missions, Brother Sylves. ter, Director, and Brothers of St. Joseph's College, Sisters, and pupils of the Italian Convent, and Sisters and pupils of the Asile de la Tof the Third Battalion "The Duke of Cam-Ste. Enfance. After the blessing of the grave | bridge's Own " (Middlesex Regiment) will play and the last benediction had been pronounced the following programme of music, during by the Bishop, the coffin was lowered into the grave, this last act concluding the sad

ne and Father Gouvea came over from Macao

were sent was one from H.E. Sir Frederick Lugard and another from H.E. Senhor Pedro Coutinho, Governor of Macao, One in procelain was sent by the members of the Portuguese firms doing business in Hongkong: -Messrs, Noronha & Co., Cruz Basto & Co., J. C. Remedios & Co., Vicira & Co., L. M. Alvares & Co., Jorge & Co., the Eastern

Among the many beautiful wreaths that

(Kowloocense), Chev. and Mint. Volocelly and St. John

Consul and Maje Bribosia, the Hon. Dr. Ho Kal, the Hon, Mr. Wei Yuk, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Fook, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. P. Silva, Measts. Chan Kit Shan and Chau Chi Hing (Macao Opinm Farmets) of r. and Mrs Stedman, Mrs. Luzy Ribeiro, Mr. M. A. Vez Mr. and the Misses F. X Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. Terclo da Silva, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Remedios, Mr. Mrs., and Miss E. Pauls, Mr. S. Silverstone, Mr. H., N. Mody, Mr. Eduardo Silva Mr. A. J. M. Gomes, Mrs. and Miss Cabral, Mr. J. L de S. Alver, Dr. and Mrs. Lello, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gracias, Mr. and Mrs. Guimaines, Mr. A. P. Guterres, Mr. L. E., Guterres. Mr. C. R. V. dos Remedias, Mr. H. H. V dos Remedios, Mrs. M. J. Osmund, Mrs. and Miss S. Remedios, Mr. G. M. Botelho, Mr. Francisco Tso Vat, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Alvares, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gutierrer, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Soares, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. d'Almada e Castro, Consul G. Friesland, Mr. J. T. Souza, Mr. and Mrs. L. A Lopes Remedios, Vr. Ernesto Remedios, Mrs. and Miss E. L. Rozario, Miss Tech Xavier, Dr. L. P. Marques, Mr. F. P. Marques, Mr. E. H. d'Aquino, Miss Garcia, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Arathoon Soth, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. M. da Silva, Mr. F. J. B. Silva, Mr. Loo. Kun, Mr. Lod Hung, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. V. Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. P. Tavares, Mr. and Mrs. I. Rocha, Mr. M. Baptista, Mr. and Mrs. F. X. d'Almada e Castro, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Leiria, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. A. de Souza, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. C. Silva, Mr. A. G. Rocha, Mr. J. A. C. V. Ribeiro, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. J M. Grace, Mr. T. M. S. P. Leite, Mr. Thang Ju Veng, Mr. and Mrs, A. Silva Netto, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Carvalho, Miss Edith Carvalho, Mr. J. M. da Silva Rozario, Mr. and Mrs. H . M. Carvalho, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses E. E. Rodrigues, Mr. A. V. Apcar, Mr. and Mrs. / C. Botelho, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Xavier, Mrs. E. Xavier, Mr. A. Gomes, Miss Albing Jesus, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. d'Almada e Castro, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Xavier, Mr. W. H Gardner, Jr., Mr. Chox Leep Chee, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. da Rocha, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. E. Machado, Mr. and Mrs. Alvaro Alves, Dr. and Mrs. G H. Bateson Wright, Mr. and Mrs. B. Brotherton, Harker, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lopes Mr. and. Mrs. F. X. Lopes, Mr. G. P. da Cruz, A. S. Gomes, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Gomes, J. Mr. and Mrs. P. M. N. da Silva, Mr. D. Dotab. ice, Mr. Goh Lee Heung, Mr. and Mrs. F. M Jeius, Chi Wo Line of Steamers (Hongkong Macao Line); Mr. Chan Shi, Mr. A. J. C. da Rochs, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Mendes da Roch (Macao), Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Reinedios, M and Mrs. F. J. V. Jorge, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. E. da Silva, Compradore and Staff, Messra, Lidos : Remedios & Co., Mrs. Loureiro and family, Houseboy and Servanta" Duart."

CHINA BORNEOS A. PROSPEROUS. YEAR. The China-Borneo Co., Limited, in their Re port for 1907, shew a profit of \$107,268.7 From this has to be deducted; --Fees to Consulting Committee ... \$ 4,000,0 Leaving available for appropria-The Consulting Committee recommend that a dividend of

to % on the subscribed Capital be paid to Shareholders \$ 55,700,0 Write off Hongkong Saw-mills ... Lauoches and Lighters 5,000.00 Sandakan Slipway ,5,QCO 00 Plant 5 DOD.00 "Kudat Pier 1,50 .0 " Timber Concessions 2,568.7 To carry to Reserve

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the

\$154,268.71

funds of the Hospitals :-A. Koshn 5 25 A. Mackenzie, Esq.,

THE annual report of the Taku Tug and Light to day to represent the Ecclesiastical Body of ter Co., Ld. for the year ended December 31, 1907, shows as a result of the year's working a 5271,610.43. This has enabled the directors to pay to the shareholders two interim dividends of 2 per cent and 3 per cent in July and November last, and after providing for general expenser, etc., there is a balance of \$233,727.04 The payment of a final dividend, of 5 per cent, together with the interim dividends paid, will give the shareholders a return of to per cenfor the year.

> By kind permission of Major E. W. R. Ste. phenson and Officers Commanding the Band the aist instant :---

Marchania Bennett Wiener Blut " Strauss Song Del Riago Regimental Marches, God Bless the Prince of Walte.

God Save the King. RUGBY POOTBALL,

THE LATSU MARU. A MONSTER DEPUTATION.

VICEROY CHANG'S INDIGNATION. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 19th March, 1908. For obvious reasons some delay transpired the publication locally of the official despatches relating to the surrender of the Japanese steamer Tatsu Mary.

Yesterday, however, on receipt of telegraphic instructions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Peking, H.E. the Viceroy, Chang Jenchun, at ouce trausmitted a despatch to Admiral Li Chun, which is substantially, in the following terms :-

The case of the arrest of the Japanese steamer Talsu Maru No. 2 has been settled by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in terms follow-

1. An apology has been made to the Japanese Minister at Peking for the hauling down of the Japanese flag on board of the said Japane. e vessel, and those of the Chinese officers who are to blame for this action will have their case considered by the Canton Viceroy and are to be dealt with; the Chinese gunboat at Canton will be ordered to assemble around the said vetsel on her release to fire a salute of twenty. one guns, and the Japanese Consul is request. ed to be present to witness the expiniory salute. when the vessel is released.

2. The Japanese steamer Taxin Mari No. is to be released at once."

3. The arms and ammunition on board the said vessel are to be purchased by the Canton authorities for a sum of Yen 21,400. 4: The Chinese Government will conduct an

inquiry into the case of those officials who have tailed to conduct the case to its entire satisfaction, and to punish them according to the degree of their error.

5. The amount of indemnity to be paid for the damage sustained by delay, etc. by the said vessel will be settled by the Canton Vice. roy with the Inpanese Consul at this port.

In the despatch . His Excellency also insinicted Admiral Li to proceed together with the Japanese Consul at this port to board the Japanese vessel at 9 a.m. on the 19th instant (to-day) and to jointly examine all the arms and ammunition which are to be then discharged from the vessel and removed to Canton. Chinese officers are to re-hoist the Jap-

anese flag and the gunboats are to fire a salute of twenty-one guns, after which the seized versel will be released. The Admiral is also instructed to report to the Viceroy when he shall have carried out his duties pursuant the foregoing instructions. ...

PROPLE'S INDIGNATION.

On the evening of the 17th instant, on learn. ing the news from Peking of the approaching: release of the Taisu. Maru, the Canton Self-Government Association hastened to issue circulars convening a meeting to take place on the 18th instant for the purpose of making vigorous protests against the proposal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Capital, The appointed day turned out wet and drizzling, and the streets were very muddy, nevertheless, the meeting was attended by crowd upon crowd of people of all classes to the estimated number of no less than 20,000 persons, being several times more than the number that: tended the first and second meetings when the question was deliberated.

er, mounted the platform and made a speech showing signs of emotion and expressing regret at the weak stand made by the Central Government. His patriotic utterances moved hundreds in the crowd into tears. Following this speaker maby other gentlemen also made speeches and all of them emphasised the necessity for chrrying into effect a scheme for boycotting apanese goods.

A MONSTER DEPUTATION. When these gentlemen; had finished their

speeches it was unanimously agreed to proceed

in a body to the Viceroy's yamen to petition the Viceroy and request H.E. to forward a telegraphic despatch to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and declare the people's disapproval of the proposals made by the Waiwupu; and it was also agreed that if no redress is obtained as result of the petition, a general strike would be problaimed. Then the majority urged that a petition be prepared without delay, and when was ready one and all present hurried to attach their signatures to it without hesitation. There were altogether about 15,000 signatures attached to the petition headed by Messrs, Chan Wai-po, Li Kanishing, Kwok Yus-kwun Ho Ping On and Messes. Kwan Shing-tsoi. delegate from the port of Wuchow, and Tab .Wing-nin, representative from Hongkong, and others. When, at about 4 p.m., the people in a body started for the Viceregal yamen to present their petition, the streets leading to the yamen were thronged with crowds of people watching the petitioners who marched dinner, at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow, past in processional order. At about 4.30 in the afternoon, they arrived at the Viceroy's yamen, where only the leading the honour of being received by Her Majesty members of the popular demonstration were admitted and the rest were, obliged to remain outside to await issues. The petition was then handed to H.E. the Viceroy in person, who, in reply, stated that, in conformity with the Customs regulations, the Japanese vessel should have been confiscated, so that His Excollency himself, in dealing with the case from beginning to end, wired many times to the Capital vigorously protesting against the Wai THE man Ex kiel who arrested the other day Printing Office, Soares & Co., Barretto & Co., The Hongkong Rugby Football Club will wu-pu's proposals, regardless of any trouble. play the Navy at the Happy Valley on Sature that, might befall him and beedless of the merchant in Des Voenz Road Central was, at inactibed, in Portuguese. "To the Memory day, the sest inst. at 2.45 p.m. Referee Mr. P. reprimand to which he was exposed. His the Police Court, this morning, sentenced to of Conselheiro A. G. Romano, Consul-General M. Hodgson. The Club will play in colours Excellency, moreover, requested the Ministry six months hard labour. It will be remem. for Portugal. Tribute of Sorrow and Respect, and will be represented by the following :- that the case should be settled in Canton bebered that on the 26th ulto accused called at from the Portuguesa Community. Other Vall back, R. Hill; Three quarter backs, F. tween himself and the Japanese Consul beres. No. 17, Queen's Street and asked to be shown wreaths were from to the Club Lusitano, Direc. G. Carroll, A. O. Lang, J. J. MacGregor and but the Ministry over-ruled all his suggestions so o leather. When the shopkeeper turned tors, Bibliotheca Lusiums, Catholic Union, Edmundston; Half backs, I, Cocker and A. and the result turned out quite contrary to what a roll of eleven Stor bills. He was appreher ded. Victoria Recreation Club, Eccledade Dramatica Linton, Capt. R. Ranking, R., O. Hutchison his telegrams he declared his intention of con-Secured the second vessel to she with the to strend.

cargo even if he had to macrify his viceroyahip for the fault committed in bauling down the Japanese flag, the vessel will, nevertheless, have to be confiscated." His Excellency stated to the deputation that he was personally considerably exercised at the steps taken by the Wal-wu-pu, but be nevertheless assured the petitioners of his willingness to again wire to Peking on their behalf and acquaint the Ministers with the leolings of the general mass. At the same time. H.E. exhorted the people to remain as quiet as. possible and not to create any unnecessary disturbance over the matter. After an lutetview of about forty minutes, the deputation withdraw, all showing signs of dejection. Walking at the head of this monstrous procession of protestants, some of the processionists carried white banners bearing the ins-Cription! "To jointly petition the High Authorities to have our s vereign rights restored." The crowd was not dispersed until after 5.30 p.m. A TELEGRAM OF CENSURE.

After this meeting a telegr m was despatched by the League to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs seriously censuring the officials of that Ministry for the loss of the sovereign right of ho, Chineso nation and pointing out the harma done to the country and its people and also declaring that the people in the Southern. Cap tal will not recognise the steps taken by that Ministry in every respect. HOYCOTT AGITATION,

Telegrams have again been despatched to the Cantonese at different ports informing them of the unsatisfactory result of the case, and re-"questing them to at once asce tain what are the articles imported into China from Japan and to join with the Canton people in a boycott of aprocse goods.

When the news of the release of the steamer reached the people, gener I dissatisfaction was expressed on all sides at the way the Ministry of Foreign Affairs conducted the case, to the disadvantage of the Chinese nation. Detormination to boycott is reported to-be expressed by the people generally. It is also reported that it is the intention of the people to suspend business to show their disapproval at the action of the Peking Government.

THE BRITISH & INISTER'S MEDIATION. Tokio. March 1000

The Tokio authorities confirm the statement the Jiji Shimbun reported yesterday with regard to Sir John Jordan's good offices in connection with the Talsu Maru case? China further asked Sir John Jordan's pinion with regard to the transportation of 500 tons of coal by the Talsu Maru to Hong.

Sir John Jordan replied that there was no way open for China other than to comply with apan's demands; but, he added, that the lapanese Government should concede a stricter control in future over the export of arms would be a natural sequel to the present settle-

The consigner, in the case of the Taleu Maru, has agreed to sell the arms and cartridges to China for a sum of upwards of Yen 20,000.—N. C. D. News.

The Commander-in-Chief.

ARRIVAL OF VICE-ADMIRAL LAMBTON:

Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Lambton, C.B., the new Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, in succession to Admiral Sir A. W. Moore, arrived by the P. & O. s.s. Mr. Chui Mow-kwan, who was the first speak. Malta this morning. Vice-Admiral Lambton left London on Feb. 20 for Hongkong. He in most vigorous language at the same time travelled from Victoria by the P. and O. bout. train for Marseilles, where he embarked in the P. and O. steamship Himaloya, At the station. to see him off were his brothers, Lord Durham, Mr. F. W. Lambton, Mr. George Lambton. Mr. Francis Lambion, and several friends.

> Vice-Admiral Sir Hedworth Lambion, who takes over the command of the China Squadron to morrow, was present on 14th ult. at the annual dinner of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom in London, and replied to the toast of "The Imperial Forces." The people, he said, who had to lose most by the loss of our naval supremacy were the great body of workers in England. Suppose an invasion took place, what would be the result? We would all feel the humiliation, but the upper classes would still exist in comfort, while the lower classes, or a great many of them, would cease to exist entirely. The question of invasion was a most serious one; which every Englishman should consider. In the old days it would have been practically impossible, but nowadays with steam the difficulties had diminished. It might sound a curious thing, but the more powerful and invincible a ship was in the daytime the more helpless was she at night. The danger they had in the Navy at right was the danger of the torpedo boat and he mine. If this country thought that by have ing a superiority of battleships alone she was safe, we were making a very grave error. (Cheers.) That superiority might cease in a night. There was such a thing as treachery. Personally, be had no more faith in entrusting our interests to other nations than he would have in entrusting a baby to a crocodile, The Prince and Princess of Wa'es received

Vice Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Lambing. who remained to luncheon on 17th ult. On 18th ult., he had the honour of being received by the King upon his appointment as Commander-in-Chief, China; and afferwards had

To-night at Covernment House His Excellency the Governor entertains a number of guesta at an official dinner. The guesta in clude H.E. Admiral Sir Arthur Monte, Admiral Sir Hedworth Lamb on, Rear-Admiral Perrip, H.E. Mejor-General, Broadwood, the Right Reverend the Bishop of Victoria, His Honour Sir Francis Piggotti, Commodore, and Mrs. Stokes, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Pollock, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Keswick, the Hop, Commander and Mrs. Basil Taylor, the Venerable Archdescon and Mrs. Banister, Captain Thibault, of the French cruiser d'Entrecasteque, Monsieur Liebent, Commander Linares; of the French gunboat Decide, Mr. A. G. M. Rielcher, the Ray F. 7 Johnson, the Rev and Mrs. Hickling, the Rev Sherwood Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Slade Dr. and Mrs. Macfarlane and Miss, Massy. Mrs. Low. Plag Lieutenant Chattyin, of the French conter & Entrepantery, L. Commander and Mrs. Fremintle, Flag Lightenant Nichol-Mrs. Wait, The Hop. Mr. F. H. May and His Honous Mr. Justice Wise will not be all

London, 18th March. At a meeting of the Committee of National Defence Budget, a sub-committee of the Duma favoured the rejection of a credit for new battleships, pending the reorganisation of the Ministry of Marine.

M. Stolypin said, the creation of a new ficet, which the Tsar had ordered, was impossible if reproaches continued to be levelled at the so-called Tsushima department. If money was refused for the fleet, the position of Russia would be lowered. Nations to hit hard blows must show vitality by striving with energy and eagerness for regeneration.

A duel has taken place between General Fock and General Smirnoss over a dispute concerning the convictions of the Port Arthur Court-martial.

General Smirnoss was severely wounded.

The Trouble in Hayti.

The Government of Hayti has replied to the foreign representations granfing their request to allow refugees to leave the country, but insisting that the Consulates shall not bepermitted to become asylums.

The Bank of Persia. Sir Thomas Jackson, Bart., has accepted the chairmanship of the Bank of Persia.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

CHINESE LAUNCHES.

[From Our Ound Correspondent.]

Canton, 19th. March. The Ministry of Communications and Posts at Pekinghas forwarded a despatch, to Canton by Chinese and the e, of the Chinese flying the foreign flow under false pretences, and also those that have already changed their flags to day. One is the Chinese, flag from foreign colours.

On the 17th instant, during a thunderstorm a woman was billed by lightning at about Ap.m. at Ng him Gue i ear the new bund,

On the arrival of the she Kinshus from Hongkong on the 17th instant, a loreigner fell from the sleamer into the water and was rescued by the water police.

ALLEGED CHASPIRACY.

MERCHANTS ON TRIAL AT THE CRIMINAL

Chao Yat Hing-who were accused of fraud."

d'Almada.e Castro, was for the defence. The alleged facts of the case were that on the to close their doors, and finally a collapse of the 4th November, 1997 the accused became ac- 1 ombay Reclimation Company brought about quainted with one Chan Sing On, the piece | one of the greatest disasters the city has ever goods buyer for Messis, Sincere & Co., 215 to experienced. As you may imagine, all these 221, Des Vœux Road Cential, through letters of thing did not sender the task of the new bank introduction. Their acquaintance ripened into | in China a very easy one, because the relations friendship that same afternoon at'a dinner to between Hombay and China, and particularly which Chan 'ing O i was invited, during which I the relations between Bombay and Hong Kong. the five hosts took the apportunity of laying were then as now very intimate. Then occurred before thei guest a bu iners proportion, whichthey said, would pay handsomely. Their pro- in May, 1866; and with it unfortunately came position was to fluat a business, similar to that the failure of the great Agra Bank and that was of Sincere and Company, but on a larger scale, followed by the failure of many other banks; where everything for man's use could be pur- the Bink of Hindustan, Caina, and Japan, the chased. They would have a capital of \$6,000. Commercial Banking Corporation of 'ndia, and and \$4,000 in debenture shares. The business, the East Asiatic Banking Corporation, the was to be car ied on in Queen's Road Central Central Bank of Western India, and the should they procure a suitable building-if not, Bank of India. Then again, the crisis it was the syndicate's intention of purchasing was not confined to banks, it extended to one. After a further discussion the date for merchants, and some of the most princely the flusting of the company was fixed for the houses in Chins, including the great firm of 6th. Chan Sing On decide t to take a share Dent and Co., went by the board: Your Excelin the business... On the following day he lency and gentlemen, you may imagine that purchasd'\$122 worth of cloth for the new con- this was no easy time for the new bank. But, cern and turned it over to the promoters. In as all good fishermen know, if you want to the meanwhile Chan Sing On had borrowed | catch fish you must fish in troubled waters. \$500 from a friend-another piece goods man, No man ever wants to go and fish upon a pool residing in Wing On Street-to purchase a where there are no ripples. And if we endured share in the new company. On the 6th Novem- wounds, if we received heavy blows, in conher—the day appointed for the flusting of the mection with all these failures, we certainly had company-Chan Sing On met the accused at, a compensating advantage in the fact that the an appointed place-an esting house, it was number of banks was reduced from ten'to five. stated-whence he was taken to the top floor ! This left more roon for the new bank. . (Hear, of 58, Hollywood Road. Arriving there he hear.) At d then there was another thing in way told that others interested in the scheme our favoour; we were not moralised by the were expected snon; the business of the night fa lutes and disasters that had occurred. could not be conducted without them, they being the largest shareholders, and Chan was asked to wait. He waited for half an houran hour-until finally one of the promoters suggested a game of cards to while away the plenty of sood business and a wast field time until the arrival of the others. Chap consented, and the cards were produced. Very soon he had lost his \$500. At this stage the game was stopped and refreshments brought out. Chan partonk of some, and it is alleged that about ten minutes' later he lost consciousness. When he awoke he discovered that he had affixed his signature to a promissory, note for something like \$ 0,000, the exact amount he was not certain of. A report to the police was made and their arrest followed.

Evidence was heard, and the case adjourned.

THE following teams will meet in a cricket. match to morrow commercing at 1.45 p.m. :-Married !- R. Hancock, E. H. Hinds, Hon. Dr. Atkinson, A. Mickenz e. Dr. F. H. Kew. Major MacFarlow, Major Illumilton, Capt. Bearley R.A. Naval Men. Singles - H. Hancock, T. P. Pearce, A. A. Claxico, H. Makin R. A. Fowler, L. J. Wishart, F. H. H. Stephene W. A. Towell and I others.

The Hongkong Bank.

ITS ORIGIN AND ITS HIS FORY.

SPEECH BY BIR THOS. JACKSON.

The first annual dinner of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation w. s held it the Lapire Rooms, Trocidero, on 18th ult. Sir Thomas Jackson, Bart, who presided, had on his right H.E. Lord Li Ching-lang (the Chinese Minister), and on his left the Japanese Commercial Attache (Mr. Wakatsuki).

The toast of His Majesty the King having been cordially honoured, the Chairman sub mitted the toast " The Bank " in the following terms :-- Your Excellency Lord Li and Gentlemen,-We are, Sir, first and foremost a China bank, and we esteem it a very great favour that you should have honoused us with your presence here to-night. (Cheers.) Taking all the years together, I spont about 32 in China, so that after all, perhaps, I have a claim upon you; and seven years were also spent in Japan, so that I also have a claim upon my honoured guest from Japan ou my left. (Cheers.) In fact, I am among friends. (Gheers.) The toast I have to propose is " The Bank." The start of the Hongkong Bank was very peculiar. It arose out of a tremendous speculative boom that existed in Bumbay in 1864, when financial companies, land reclamation companies, banks, and all sorts of things were started at a tremendous pace. But the good people of Bombay, in addition to exploiting their own country, cast their eyes toward China and said, " We are going to start a Bank of China with its head office in Hongkong." Well,

THE GOOD PROPER IN HONGKONG did not like this prospect at all. They thought that, after all, such a bank would be controlled from Hombay, and that it could not possibly be a local bank at all, so they determined that they would forestall their Bombay friends and form a bank of their own. Sir Thomas Suther land, then Mr. Sutherland, was the Superintendent of the P. and O. Company. He and the late Mr. Pollard took the lead in this matinquiring as to the number of teamers and ter and went vigotously to work, formed a prolaunches awned by foreigners and the number | visional cummittee of 15, and took other measures I regret to say of those filteen name that were in at the start only two temain to this

SIR THOMAS SUTHERLAND himself, and the other is Mr. Atthur Sassoon. Well, this provisional committee did not let the grass grow under their-feet; they went to work and finally launched the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, with a capita of five million dollars, commending business in March, 1865. The first menager in Hongkong was Mr. Victor Fresser, and the first Shanghai was Mr. David McLean. Mr. Kresser was a marvellously clever many of immense energy, and it would have been impossihie to find anyone better able to start a The last case to be mied at the Criminal venture of the kind. He was full of zeal, and Sessions, he morning, beinre the Chief fustice , threw himself heart and soul into the work, -Sir Francis Piggott-and a jury, was that established agencies all over the East, and against four Chinese merchan's-Yuen Fuk everything went fairly prosperously for th Shang, Yiu Siu Shan, Chan Kam Tong and balance of the year 1865. In the meantime pour unfortunate Bombay came a most fright-Mr. W. Rees Davies, the Attorney-General, ful cropper. (Laughter.) All those schemes instructed by Mr. F. B. I. Bowley, the Crown | that they/had started in this 1864 boom (which Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution. Sir really after all was the parent of the Bank) He ry Berkeley KC, instructed by Mr. F. X. came to nought. One by one their financial institutious and their banks, unfortunately, had

THE SEVERE CRISIS

(Cheers.) We had our OUR MANAGEMENT AND OUR DIRECTION. on the spot in the East, and we recognised after the crisis had passed that there was still to be exploited in the banking world in China, (Hear, hear.) The first six or seven years after the bank started was an anxious time for all concerned. But I am castain of this-that whatever blows we got we took standing. (Cheers) There was a flippint individual in Hongkong who, when thing's were at their worst, foresaw destruction in everything, and posing as a Jeremiah, broke forth into lamentation, based on the poem of the

"Nancy Bell," at tollows:it was near the ruin that was once the club. Before the smain begin . Did I see alone, on a piece ul stone.

'An elderly broker min. His hair was thin and his beard was long. And short and stout was he-And I heard that wight on that some recite

In a dismal mountul key : Oh, I am the Hongkong and Shanghai Back And Docks and Refinery, And Godown's and riers, I own it with toars, As well as the Distillary, (Laughter and

Well, if history is correct, there were more false prophets than that poor old Johnny in llong kong. With all our troubles and trials, to which I have alluded, we had a great asset in our manager in Shanghai, Through al that time David McLoup rendered us splendid service. (Cheers.) Shanghai at that time was to bank managers what South Africa has recently been to generals, a grave of reputations Not only that, but I think it is on record that the Duke of Somerset spoke of Shanghai as

"a sink of iniquity." Well, OUR EXPERIENCE OF SHANGHAT has been very different. It was simply marvellous how Mr. McLean through all those times steered us clear of losses. Instead of calling it "a sink of iniquity," we can call it the brightest jewel in our crown: (Hear, bear.) We had an excellent Compredere in Shanghai, very much respected by all those who served with him, "who" accounted for the fact that when others were losing heavily we escaped unharmed, by saying, "Truly joss take care of this bank," (Laughter.) All those of us who have been benefited by the prosperity of the Hongkong Bank must look back with gratitude to what, Mr. McLean did. for us in those early days in Shanghai. And when he left luck did not desert us, because his mantle fell upon a man whose name I have only to mention to grouse your interest and enthusiasm-Ewen Cameron. (Loud cheers.) Mr. McLean laid the foundations of the bank's prosperity in Shanghai on sure and certain lines. He had the unlimited

CONFIDENCE OF THE COMMUNITY, both Chinese and foreign. He was looked upon as a sound and a wise-man, and in passing on his mantle to Ewen Cameron be passed: it on to a man who, as we might say, out-Heroded Herod. (Hear, hear,) . The business Mr. Melevan founded was doubled, trebled. quadrupled, and when the time came for Ewen Cameron to leave Shanghai the volume of was such as none of us had ever contemplated in our wildest dreams. ... (Cheers.) To me i is a great disappointment that Mr. McLean and Sir Ewen Cameron are unable to be with us to-night. (Hear, hear.) Sir Ewen Cameron had hoped to be present, and I will read a letter he has addressed to my friend Mr. Addis. He says: "My dear Addis,-I am sure you will understand what "."

A BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT it is to me not to be able to be with you th evening. I had been to looking forward to meeting so many of my fellow-workers, both young and old, who helped to make the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank the great bank we are so proud of to-day. You will be glad to hear I am much better to-day, and if only the doctor would permit I would tisk to-night, but unfortunately he is obdurate. Hoping you will have a very pleasant and successful gathering. -I temain, yours sincerely, EWEN CAMERON." (Loud cheers.) Nothing could be mole like the old boy than that. (Cheers.) When I read

it this evening I felt very much touched about it. I remember writing a letter to Ewen Cameron besore I left China, in which I said I thought it only fair to mention that a good deal o t'e "kudos" that came my way in the bank was due in the first place to McLean and in the second place to him. Of course he did not choose to accept that, but, gentlemen, it was true all the same. Well; as I have said, we have had MANY HARD KNOCKS

but decade after decade the bank has increased. First the capital was five millions, then it was seven and a half million, then it was ten million, and now it is fifteen million dollars, and I am sure the figures of the next report, will 'gladden the' hearts of all shareholders when they see them. (Cheers.) Well, the old bank veterans are dropping out one by one. (A Voice: " Not yet.") But they are not all on the scrap heap; though steadily moving that way. ('No.") However, their places are being taken by younger and equally competent men, and we have not the slightest doubt that the banner of the bank will be held ashigh in the future as it has been in the past. (Cheers.) Looking round this table to night I see a number of ardent young faces, waiting to hear the East calling, anxious to go and take their places in the fighting line, whether it is in Dai Nippon or in Far Cathay, or wherever eliethey may be sent. If they do get there, may they be worthy of the best of those that went before them. In the words of the old song, may they be

"Steady and strong, marching along, Like the boys of the old brigade." (Loud cheers.)

The toast was enthusiastically drunk.

THE Vicercy at Nanking, H. E. Tuan Fang has sent a dispatch to His Honour M. T. Liang, the Shanghai Taotai, stating that suice, in accordance with the Imperial Decree, all opium. dens in the native city of Shanghai have been closed down, and no steps have been taken to close the dens in the International Settlement. His Honour is instructed to request the Municipal Council, through the Senior Consul, to adopt drastic measures in the matter in-order to encourage the agui-oplum campaign China.

SHIPPING AND MAILS

MATEN DUE. Indian (Lightning) 24th inst. American (Korea) 14th inst. German (Prins Regent Luithold) 25th inst. Canadian (Monteagle) 27th inst. Indian (Namsang) 1st prox. German (Pring Waldemar) tet prox.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of China left Yokohama for Vancouver on 19th inst, p.m. The s.s. Brecrishers from London left Sings. pore on 19th inst, afternoon, and is due here on 26th lost, moraing.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of Japan left Vancouver, B.C. for Hongkong via usua Ports of Call on 18th lost., p.m. The N. Y. K. s.s. Karu Maru, American of China. The proportion of the alloy for the Line, left Shanghai for this port on 19th ins

and is expected hate on ared inst, The Taya-China-Japan Lijn a. Tjimaki left Shanghai for this port on 10th inst, and may be expected here on or about sird insti-

Tudan's Advertisements.

HONGKONG HOTEL

-KENU.-SATURDAY, March 21st, 1908. DINNER.

> HORS D'ŒUVRES. Shrimp Canapes.

BOUP. Vegetable.

Grilled Fish and Parsley Sauce.

ENTREES. Braised Log of Mutton and Haricot Beans. Devilled Oxtail. Sweetbrend Patties.

CURRY.

IOINTS, &C. Roast Leg of Ved and Bacon. Roast Capon and Bread Sauce. Cold Roast Pheasant and Mixed Salad.

SWEETS. Macaroni Pudding. Ratafia Ice Cream and Finger Cakes: Peach Tart. Mince Pies. DESSERT.

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THE Company's Steamship " "HAITAN." Captain J. S. Roach, will be despatched for the

above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 24th instant at 10 o'clock A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 20th March, 1908.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COM-PANY, LIMITED.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirtieth annual general meeting, to be held at the offices of the general agents, at

ngon on Thursday, 26th inst., rends :- .. The general agents beg to submit to shareholders their report on the Company's business for the year 1907, with a statement of accounts to 31st December last.

In consequence of severe competition in the China markets the price of refined augar remained below the cost of production throughout the year, and exports to other markets were adversely affected by the high rate of exchange

Under these circumstances the output of the Refinery was much, reduced, and the year's working resulted in a loss of \$279,371.34, which. is carried forward to next account,

CONSULTING COMMITTEE: This consists of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G. Messrs, A. G. Wood and F. Maitland, who offer themselve . for re-election. Mr. A. J. Raymond resigned his seat on his departure from the Colony.

The accounts have been audited by Messis. W. H. Potts, and H. Percy Smith, F.C.A. offer themselves for re-election.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD., General Ageuts. Hongkong, oth March, 1908. BALANCE SHEET-ONE YEAR-TO

" 31ST DECEMBER, 1907. Capital and Liabilities. Paid up capital \$2,000,000 Equalization of dividend fund 450,000.00 Repairs and renewals account ... Raw sugar reserve account Sundry creditors

· \$3,299,001.70 Property account consisting of-East Paint Refinery Bowrington Refinery Swatow Refinery Hongkong Distillery Cash. Raw and refined sugar, &c., 983,635 19 8,948 40 Spirits and rum, &c., Charcoal, coal, stores, &c., Sundry debtgrs

Shipments \$212,290.08 Less advances 44,926.39 Palance of profit and loss account 279.371.34

PROPERTY ACCOUNT. To Balance on 31st December, 10-6 ::::531,209.0 By Buladce on 31st December, PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. To Commission to consulting

committee To Interest 61/512,27 To Loss on working 211,314.30 \$188,589.81 By Balance brought forward from

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WE are informed that the Board of Finance has passed a resolution for the adoption of new standard for copper cash throughout the whole new cash is to be 6 parts of copper and 4 parts Apply toof rinc. The weight of each cash will be s candareens and two lis. The usual square bole will be made in the middle of each cash

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PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions PUBLIC AUCTION FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

SATURDAY. the 28th March, 1908, at 3,30 P.M. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, corner of Ice House Street A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF APANESE CURIOS.

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Hongkong, 20th March, 1908. BEN! LINE OF STEAMERS.

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ONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and, Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 24th inst., or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th inst., at II A.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Hongkong, 20th March, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THEP. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer' " MALTA"

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vestel are hereby informed, that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Goods not cleared by the aoth inst. 4 P.M., will-be subject to rent.

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and the Company's representative at m appointed bour. All Claims must be presented within ten days; of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns. F. J. ABBOTT. Acting Superintendent. Hongkong, 20th March, 1908.

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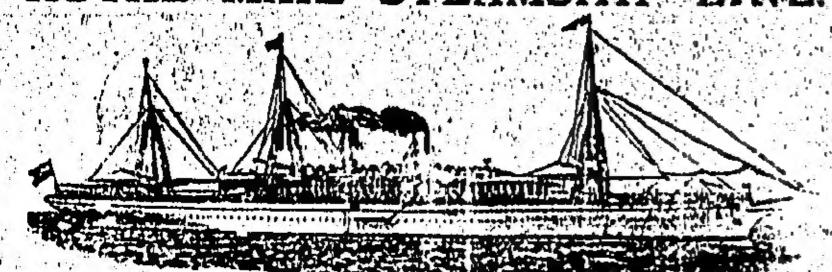
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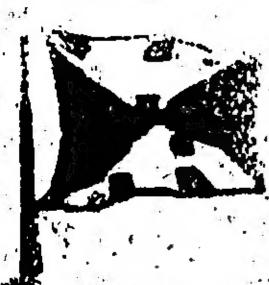
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Pomfret, White-Pak Chong.....

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Ray-Pal Pa Sa

Rock Fish-Sek Kan Kang.

Roach-Chun Yu

Labrus-Wong Fa Yu..... Monk Fish-Mon Yd Oysters—Sang Hoo Perch—Tau Loo
Piko—Fa Paw Poong

Turnips, Pun-ti (Long)-Low Pak Vegetable Marrow Chit Kwa Water Cresses—Sai Yeung Chol

Salmon (Cton) from Water-Ma Yat

FRUITS.

Almond-Hung Yan...... Apples, (California)-Kam San Ping Ko.... (Chefoo)-Tin Chun Ping Small-Hoi Tong

Skate-Po Yu

Soles—Tat Sa Yu...

Tench—Wan Yu

Turbot—Cho How Yu

Turtles, small, fresh water - Kook Yuman

White Bait-Ngan Yu Chai

Shrimps-Ha

Snapper-Lup Yu.....

Custard-Fan Lai Chi.....esch Bananas, fragrant, Canton-Sang Sheng Heang Chiu " (brides), Macao-San Houng Chiu Chestnuts, Chinese Foong, Lut. Carambola-Young Tou Cocoanuts-Yeh Tsz Lemons, China-Ning Moong..... Amer. -- Kum San Ning Moong,

Lichees, Small Stone-Lai Chi Con..... Fresh, Lai Chi Limes, (Saigon)-Sai Kung Ning Moongeach Mango, Manila-Lui Sung Mong...... Mango, Saigon-Sai Kung Moong Mangosteens, San Chuk Tsz doz. Oranges, Tim Chang

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VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai, -Shoung Hoi Ah Chi Chauk

Beans, (French) Macao-Oh Moon Pin Tau Beans, (French), Shanghai-Sheung Hoi Pin Tau

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Cauliflower, Large size-Tai Yoh Choi Faeach Cauliflower, Medium size-Cheung Yeh

Choi-faeach Cauliflower, Small size-Sai Yeh Choi-fa Carrots-Kam Shun Celery, Chinese-Tong Kan Choy Celery, English-Yeung Kan Choi Celery, White-Pak Yeung Kan Chui ... Chillies, Dried-Con Lat Chiu Red-Hung Fa Green-Cheng Lat Chiu Curry Stuff, English-Ka Lee Choi Liu

Ritter Squash-Fu Kwa Garlic-Suen Tau. Ginger, young-Sun Tsz Keung old-Lo Keung Horse Radish, Shanghai-Lik Kan ... Ib Indian Com-Suk Maipiece Lettuce-Yeung Sang Choieach Water Chesnuts-Ma Tai

Cucumbers-Cheng Kwa

.. Mandarin-Kwei Lum Ma Tai... Musk Melon Mushrooms, Fresh-Sang Cho Kho Onions, Rombay-Yeung Chung Tau ... Green-Sang Chung.....

Shai-Sheung Hoi. Chung Tau Japan-Yat Poon Okroes-Mo Ker Parsley, English-Yeung Un Sai D Gradus Pea Green Peas-Oheng Tau..... Potatoes, Sweet-Fan Bhu

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The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg. Director of the Hangkong Ohnervatory :--On the 20th at 1 1,55 a. - The barometer has fallen quickly over Japan and risen moderately

A depression, which developed over W. Japan yesterday, is this morning moving East-

wards over S E. Japan. The acticyclopic a ea is lying over the Yangtze valley.

Gradients are rather steep, and very strong monsoon may be expected in the Fermosa. Channel and the China-Sea. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending

at 10 a.m. to-day, 0,00 inches. FORRCAST. 1.- Hongkong and Neighbourhood, N. winds,

fresh or strong; fair. 2.- Formosa Channel, N E. winds, strong to

3.-South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks, same as No. 1.

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Arrivals Yeboshi Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,992, B. Kon, 19th Mar., -Moji sigth, Mar., Coalsand Gen.-

Marmora, Br. s.s., 5,239, G., H. C. Weston, R N.R., worth Mary-Shanghai, 17th, Mary Mails and Gen .- P. & O. S. N. Co. Malta, Br. s.s., 3,900, C. H. S. Tocque, 20th Mar,-Bombay 3rd Mar., and Singapore

14th, Mails and Gen .- P. & O. S. N. Co. Tean, Br. s.s., 1,346, Outerbiidge, 20th Marge-Manila 17th Mar., Gen.-H. & S. Deucalion, Br. s.s., 4,476, J., Riessenhausen, 70th Mari, -Shanghai 17th Mar., Gen. - B.

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Hilary, Ger. s.s., 1,276. ". Uecker, 20th Mar, -Saigon 15th Mar., Rice.-Chinese. Triumph, Ger. s.s., 769, J. Bendixen, 20th . Mar,-Kin Hon 16th Mar., Rice and Gen.

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Departares

Hongkone Maru, for San Francisco. Yawata Maru for Australian Ports. Halching, for Coast Ports. Devawonger, for Bangkok. Tencer, for Kuchinotzu. Kwangse, for Shanghai. Bourbon, for Salgon, Hailan, for Pakhoi. Flume, for Tourane, Taishan, lok Swallow. Chihil, for Haiphong. Talsu Maru, for Kobe. Onsang, for Calcutta. Yuensane, for Manila. Kaifong, for loilo. Deucalion, for Bingapore,

Praceppore arrived.

Per Kwangles, rom Shanghai- 129 Chinese. Per Tedu, from Manila-Mesdames Fauster, Regidon, Pastor, Millar, Roberts, Girod, Deoves, Sutton, Misses Swan and Townsend, Messrs. Fausler. Deoves, Regidore, Pastor, Roberts Girod, Deoves, Nicholl, Sutton, and

Lieut. Mason. Per Varmora, from Shanghai for Hongkong -Mr. J. R. Johnston, H.E. Lady Lugard, and maid (Miss Stuart), Messrs. H. J. Hill, A. G. Wood, H.E. von Cuezynotst, Messrs. Ching Chuck and native servant, San Mia and native servant, B. P. King, T. Hedworth, J. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. hntwistle, Messrs. T. Shin Chuen and native servant, H. Wai and native servant, A. Haupt, McLavy. J. V. Marshall and J. W. Laidlow: For Singapore - Mr. H. C. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Harman, child and amah, Messrs A. Eck, Vickers, W. Kinchela, and Mrs. Pater via. 13th February-Nyansa. 14th Februson ... Friedelch, Machaon, Scandia. Penang from Kobe. Vy. W. S. Butt. From . 8th February-Benavon, Salorie, Wakasa Shanghal-Mr. W. S. Nicholls. For Colombo Maru, Petho 21st February-Diomed, 25th from Yokohama-Mr. Pyke's pative servant. February-Ceylon Maru, Atholi, Braheraog For Bombay from Shanghal-Mrs R. A. and Frank Perdinand, Memnon .. 18th Pebruary-2 Misses B, Campbell, Por Marseillos from Re arty, Zieten, Stenter, and March-Nile. Yokohama-Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Ward, Dr. and 3rd March-Hakata Maru, Varra, Moyuna, Stanglini, Napasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama, Mes. C. G. Campbell and Child, (Miss Rabatal) Schwiktti 6th March-Dortmand, 10th March Vict via and Vancouver, B.C.—Fer Leanes, maid, Masere R. H. Clark and A. Hown. Aragonia, Habsburg, 18th March - Priam, 25th Mar. 11 A.M. From Shanghal Mr. J. L. Scott, Mr. Sade Maru, Pring Heinrich, 17th March-

Ker, and I hdy and Miss Sou'er. For London from Yokohama-Messrs. G. Susmann, W. Moxon, and Rev. and Mrs. Cosand. From Shanghai-Mrs. A. W. Butkill, child, infant and nurse, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Potts and infant, Mr. T. Freeman, Capt. and Mrs. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Seward and infant, Miss Hudson, Mr. F. Souter, Mrs. H. H. Taylor, child and nurse, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brooks, Mr. J. Ingram, Mr. and Mys. S. R. Gale. Messrs. O. V. Lanning, Ac. Watson, C. Craig, L. R. Wheen, G. F. Lanning, Maclean, Bishop and Miss Scott, Messrs, A. Ross, J. Housten, A. R. Harris, and Miss

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Btr. Glenfary, from Bangkok :- Moderate wind and sea, fine and clear weather. Str. Pheum Penh, from Saigon :- Fresh to

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMBER. Acolus, Am. s.s., 335, E. Drozco, 18th Mar.,-Manila 9th Mar., and Currimao 15th, Sugar,-Mr. Moxon. Ambria, Gor. s.s., Schwinghammer, 19th Mar., -Nagasaki 15th Mar., Gen.-H. A. L.

Bellerophon, Br. s.s., 5,726, Bartlett, 18th. Mar., -Tacoma 19th Feb., and Moji 14th Mar., Gen.-B. & S. Carl Diederichsen, Ger. s.s., 774, J. Kaysen, 17th Mar,-Haiphong 2th Mar, Pakhoi

13th, and Holhow 16th, Rice, Pigs and Gen.-]. & Co. Ceylan, Fr. s.s., 5,210, Jouan, 12th Mar. Havre and Antwerp 19th lan., Coal.-M.

to considerably over Central and Southern Chatham, Br. s.s., 2,316, A. J. Duff, 19th Mar., -Saigon 15th Mar., Gen .- D. & Co., Ld. Chowfa, Ger. s.s., 1,055, T. Spiesen, 13th Mar., -Bangkok 5th Mar., Rice.-B. & S. Dagmar, Ger. s.s., 921, F. Nicolaisen, 16th Mar.,-Bangkok and Kohaichang 8th Mar.,

Rice,-B. & S. Dagny, Nor. s.s., 883, Abrahamsen, 15th Mar., -Saigon 7th Mar., Rice Meal and Rice. · Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.

Drufar, Nor. s.s., 1,734, J. Bing, 17th Mar. Bangkok 7th Mar., Rice,-M. & Co. Empress of India, Br. s.s., 3,032, E. Beetham, R.N.R., 9 h Mar., -Vancouver, (B.C.) 18th Feb., and Shanghai 6th Mar., Mails and Gen.-C. P. R. Co. "Friya, Nor. s.s., 710, C. S. Christensen, 17th

Mar .- Bangkok 8th Mar., Rice .-- Ken Tai lamorganshire, Br. s.s., 5,740, H. C. Norris, 15th" Mar., from Kuchinotzu, Coal .- Si,

Helene, Ger. s.s., 771, J. lessen, 14th Mar,from Tourane, Gan;-J. & Co. Ithaka, Ger. s.s., 1,450, Vogeler, 11th Mar,-Canton 1cth Mar., Gen.-H.A. L.

Japan, Br. s.s., 3,806, J. G. Olifent, 19th, Mar., -Calcutta 4th War., via Penang and Singapore 14th, Gen; D. S. & Co., Ld. Joshin Maru, Jap. 8 s., 702, H. S. Smith, 18th Mar.,-Tamsui via Amoy and Swatow 17th Mar., Gen.-O. S. K.

Kamakura Maru, Jap, s.s., 3,798; H. Fraser, 19th Mar.,-Singapore 13th Mar., Gen.-Knivsherg, Ger. s.s., 646, D. Henk, 17th Mar., -Touranc 14th Mar., Rice.-J. & Co. Kumsang, Br. s.s., 2,078, E. J. Buller, 1 uh

Mar. - Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 6th Mar . Gen .- J., M. & Co. Lacries, Br. s.s., 2,012, Frampion, 18th Mar.,-Saigon 13th Mar, Rice and Gen.-Wo

Fat Sing. Lennox, Br. 3.2, 2,361, F. McNair, 12th Mar. -Saigon 7th Mar., Rice.-D. & Co., Ld. Kwangleo, Ch. s.s., 1,467, R. Lincoln, 20th Manila, Ger. s.s., wc.8, J. Minssen, 8th Mar., Sydney 11th Feb., and Manila 5th Mar.,

Gen.-M. & Co. Mathilde, Ger. s.s., 831, A. Ulderup, 16th Mar. - Haiphong and Hoihow 14th Mar. Coal and igs .- J. & Co. Mausang, Br. s.s., 1,644, R. Houghton, 19th

Mar. Sandakan 13th Mar., Timber .-]. M. & Co.. " > Myrtledene, Br. s.s.; Laighton, 18th Mar., Moji 12th Mar., Coal,-D. & Co., Ld. Persia, Br. s.s., 2,744, A. Dixon, 11th Ian.,-

San Francisco 7th Dec., and Portland, Or. 15th, Flour .- O. & O. S. S. Co. Quarta, Ger. s.s., 1,145, H. Madsen, 16th, Mar. -Pasarerar 4th Mar., Sugar and Gen .--

Saint P. trick, Br. s.s., 2,694, J. Forlay, 131 Mar,-Shanghai 10th Mar., Gen.-5. Stettin, Br. z.s., 1,396, Farrell, 28th Feb .-. Singapore 20th Feb., Kerosine -- Mr. Geo

Store Nordiske, Dan. s.s., 831, H. C. A. Petersen, oth Mar. - Shanghai 5th Mar., Ballast, -G. N. S. Co, Ld. -

Sulsang, Br. 's.s., 1,776, W. D. Welsh, 18th Mar. Penang 7th Mar, and Singapore oth, Gen. - J., M. & Co. Swanley, Br. s.s., 2,988, W. E. Steele, 14th Mir.,-Ching-wan-tao 9th Mar., Ballast .-

Zafiro, Br. s.s., 1,619, R. Rodger, 17th Mar ..-Manila 14th Mar., Hemp, Sugar and Gen. -S. T. & Co. .

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Arrivals at Home-Itth February-Sigo.

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Brighton, G. L. Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama. Brooke, Mr. and Mre Victoria and Vancouver, (B.C.)-Per Empress" of India, 9th April, 3 P.M. Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Brown, F. G. Buckley, Miss E. M. Island. Cooktown, Cairne, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zeat Bulmer, J. P. land, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle-Per Changeha 2 st April, 3 P.M.

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Douglas Steamship Company, Limited		550 515	\$50 \$15	\$250,000 \$250,000 \$575,000 \$75,179	116,437	{Silver and raif very making in all \$2}} { for year ending \$1.12.07	7 1 %	\$29 sa. and b.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ld. (Preferred) } Do. do. (Deferred)		L 5	Ls	{ £50,000 } { £270,000 }	£3,694	5/- for 1906 @ ex 2/2}-\$2.24 per share	31,%	{\$39 \$27
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited Do. (Preference) "Shell" Transport and Tracing Company, Limited	1,000,000	Tia. 50	Li	Tis. 75,900 { 400,000 } { 1,871 \$65,000	Tis, 14 510 (172,370	Final of Tla. 14 making Tls. 34 for 1907 Interim of 1/- (Coupon No. 8) for a/c 1907.		Tis, 45 sollers Tis, 49 sellers 44/6
Star Ferry Company, Limited		\$10	\$10°	\$32,957 } Tis. 98,000 Tis. 419,479		{\$1,00} for year ending :0.4.1907	1 31 %	\$13 buyers
Taku Tug and Ligh et Company, Limited				Tis, 62,000 Tis, 81,200 Tis, 30,000	11 18 730	Final of Tis. 2 making Tis. 6 for 1906	12 %	Tis. 47 buyers
China Sugar Refining Company, Lemited	7,000	\$100 Tin, 50	\$100 \$100 Tis. 50	none Tis: 100,000	19,218 Tis, 8,935	\$8 for year ending 31.12.05		\$109 buyers \$15 sales Tis, 80 sellers
Mining. Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ld		£ı	Li	{150,000}	£11,556	Final of 1/6 (No. 9) for 1907		Tis: 14 bnyers
. Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000 —50,000	Z:-	18/10	£84,3985 £4,873	£11,35B	No12.01.1/-=48 cents	3	\$8
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODDWNS. Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	:64,124	\$3,726	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.06	414	Sil "
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ld.,	1.	\$50	50	\$26,8 6 \$40,000	\$3,556	Final of \$1} making \$3} f r 1007	8 40	\$53 sa. ex div.
Hongkong and Whampon Dock Company, Ld Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ld	\$5,700	\$50 Tis, 100	Tis: 100	Tis. 487,210	\$141,442 12, 10,459	Final of \$4 making \$8 for 1927	71.7	\$98° Tis. 80
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited,	36,000	Tis. 100	18. 400	Tis. 100,000 (Tis. 190,100) Tis. 75,000	Tis. 23,117	Interim of Tis. 8 for account 1907	8 X	_ Tls. 214 buyers
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ld	10,000	Tis, 100 \$25 \$15	Tis. 100 525 515	\$1,000	Tis. 6,531 \$10,908 \$9,178	Tis. 6 for 1907	10 %	Tis. 100 ex div. S221 buyers S12
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50 \$100	\$648,975 \$43,075 \$250,000 \$217,426	1252 135,915	Final of 31 making 574 for 1907 (Final of \$34 making in all 57 for year) ending 31.12.07	71 X 7 X	198 Sino sellers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited Shanghal Land Investment Company, Limited		\$10 \$50	\$30 Tis. 50	\$50,000 } none {Tis. 1,523,045}	14 621 1653	70 cents for 1907	7 %	\$25
West Point Building Company, Limited		Tia, ço Sço	\$50	13. [70,000] cone	Tis, 107,547 S1,541	Final of \$2.10 making in all \$4.10 for year } ending 31.12.07	71.X 81 X	Tis, ro6 sales, \$48 buyers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ld Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing } Company, Limited	7 5,000		_	Tis. 150,000 Tis. 21 176 \$60,000	11s, 8,807 514,269	Tis. 21 for year ended 31.10,1907		Tis. 51 sales To buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ld Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld. Soy Chen Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	8.000	Tis, too	Tis. 75 Tis. 100 Tis. 500	Tis. 150.000 none Tis. 28,257	Tis. 85,519 none 	Tis. 6 for year ended 30.0.06 (8 %)	i i i	Tis. 55 sellers Tis. 75 Tis. 270
MISCELLANEOUS. Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	£1,299,	€638	1/3 per share for 1906	9 %	571
China Flour Mill Co., Limited	50,000 }			none Tis. 50,000 none	Nil. Tls. 5,995 \$25,000	Final of Tis, 5 making Tis. 10 for 1905 60 cents for year ended 28.2.06		Stil sales Tis, 48 buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ld Dairy Farm Company, Limited	125,000 25,000	\$10 \$71	\$10 \$6	\$120,000 \$50,000 \$5,000	\$3,593 \$2,974	\$1.30 for year ending 31.7.07	71.%	\$9 sales
Hall & Holts, Limited	21,000 . 60,000	\$20 \$10	\$10 \$10	14 34	\$10,804 \$15,002 \$2,953	Interim of 50 cents per share for a/c 1907 \$2\for year ending 28.2.07	91 %	S113 S24 sellers \$15
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	50.000	\$25 \$10 Gr. 100	\$15 \$10 Gr. 100	1 Tis. 547,500]	\$4,578 \$4,212	Final of \$15 making in all \$19 for 1907 Interim of 80 cents per share for a/c 1907 Interim of Tls. 10 for 18' quarter	81 %	\$26 sales
Peak Tramways Company, Limited Peak Tramways Company (new)	25,000 50,000 75,000		\$10 \$1 \$10	118, 27,003)	\$2,655 Nil.	\$1 persh for period from 9th Oct. to 30th Apr. 'o'	The second second	Sra Sra buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	5,400	1	Tis. 50 Tis. 50 Tis. 100	Tis. 100,000 Tis. 67,323 Tis. 45,000	Tis. 9,751	Interim of Tla. 3) for account 1907		Tis. 10) buyers - Tis. 40 sellers
Shanghai Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	50,000	Tls, 20	Tis, 20	Tis. 8,000 } { Tis. 24,820 } { Tis. 75,000 }	Tls. 8,493	Final of Tis. 5 and Tis. 10 for 1906	. 4 55	Tis. 45 buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25 \$ 5	\$25 \$ 5	Tis, 190,000 none none Tis, 15,295 }	Tis. 85,592 De. \$41,934 \$478	None	64 %	7.1
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	50,000		\$10	Tis. 4,000 none		Tis. 61 for year ending 30.4.07	846	Tis. 97 sellers Sto buyors Sto
Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	4 → 13 · · ·	Sto	\$10	{ \$300,000 } \$25,000 }	\$5,482	Interim of 30 cents for account 1907 (Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the)	61 %	Sto buyers
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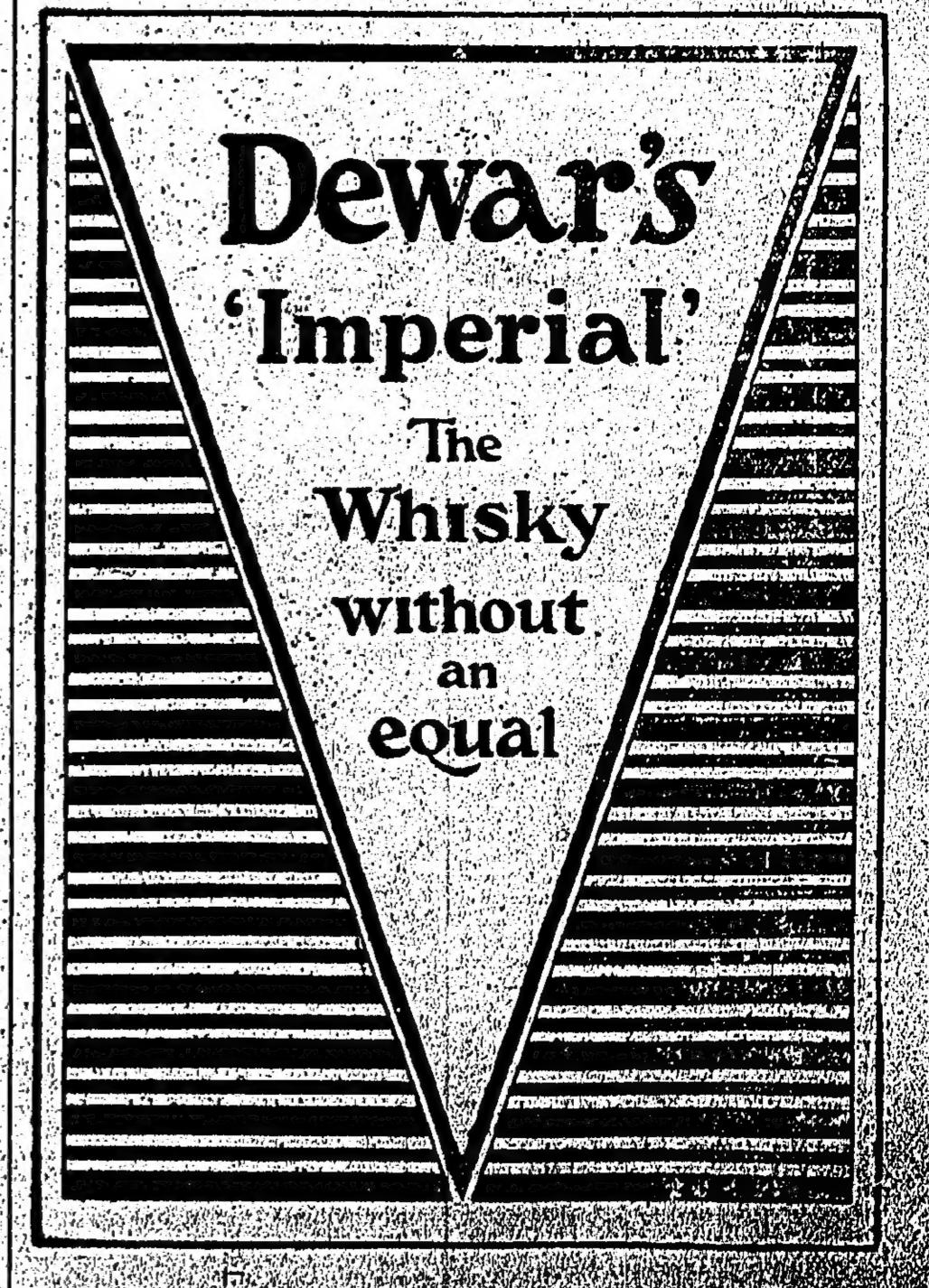
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On March 9,- 1008, at Shadghai, to Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR B. HYKES, a son. On March 12, 1908, at Shanghai, the wife of H: D. HOOLEY, of a daughter. On March 15, 1908, at London, the wife of F. A. WELLS, of a daughter.

On March 15, 1908, at Shankhai, the wife of A. M. DR SOUZA, of a daughter. MARRIAGES On March to, 1908, at Shanghai, WILLIAM ROBINSON TOWNSEND, B.E. A.M.I C.R., Tien: tsin, second an of the late Major John Tuckey.

of Kilronan, Dunmanway, Co. Cork, Ireland, to MARY GRACE, daughter of Charles Dongvan, Enq., Indian Civil. Sefvice (retired). of Ummera House, Timoleague, Co. Cork, Ire-

KITCHING VAN, son of George William Kitchingman, London, to I UCY EVELYN PIR-RIE, second daughter, of Alexander Pirrie, of Birkenhead.

On March to, 1908, at Shanghai, JAMES ADAMS BALLARD, aged SI At his residence. " Duart," Arbuthnot Road. at 10.30 p.m., on the 18th March, 1908, AGOSTINHO GUILHERNE ROMANO. Consul-General for Portugal and Consul for Brazil in Hongkong.

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ISSUED GRATIS TO SUBSCRIBERS.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1908.

THE COST OF THE NAVY. (14th March.)

In the midst of the whirligig of rumours pow happily disposed of with regard to the Navy Estimates, it is very satisfactory to be able to turn to Lord Brassey's admirably precise and clear statement in the London Times of the actual facts of the naval situation. Here, at least, we are on firm ground. The Morning Leader holds that Liberals factors in Hongkong. have never grudged any money that may be requisite for the maintenance of an adequate fleet. But what is an adequate fleet? It replies to its own question thus; A definition is clearly essential; our main complaint our special correspondent at Canton has

evident from Lord Brassey's figures that we the Far East should have been, so tons against the 43 of 450,000 tons possesseven supposing that all foreign programmes were carried out, for which there is scarcely any precedent, we should have 48 against their 47, with 754,000 tons against 640,000, toils, in 1912. The one serious fact which informed on an authority which we believe t favours the alarmists is that in rate of construction we are falling behind the Twomit of the proportionately rapid increase of a younger and smaller fleet. But there are, as Lord Brassey says, "advantages in holding our hand," even from the purely naval point of view. But there are other facts, which cannot be excluded from the consideration of this question. Quality, is at least as important as size. The protection assured to a nation by the maintenance of conditions which nourish instead of stunting. its manhood, and develop instead of depressin tits capacities, is not less sure or less valuable than that afforded by any number of battleships.

MR. MODI'S MUNIFICENCE.

in reference, to the report appearing in our

well-known and esteemed citizen of Hong-

kong for the munificent offer of \$150,000 for

(16th Marchs) Elsewhere, in this issue, we give prominence to a letter from Mr. A. H. Rennie

known that the donor of this handsome sum of money is not himself but his friend and partner in initiating the novel, industry of flour-milling in Hongkonge the Jamiliar Mr. H. N. Mody. We have unconsciously done Mr. Mody an injustice for but the short space of forty-eight hours in withholding from him that meed of praise with which the whole Colony acclaims him to day as one of the few who have loosened their private purse-strings in aid of are considered of a nature calculated to promote the common weal. While accord- JAPANESE METHOUS IN THE, wet he would, it elected, take his seat at the ing to Mr. Mody our qualified appreciation of a generosity which at once places him in the very forefront of the ranks of the Colony's benefactors, it must not be taken for granted that we are espousing unreservedly the project which has found, favour in such high quarters as with H.E. the Governor, Sir ultimate fruition, Mr. Mody has, by his public-spiritedness, been so prominently instrumental in advancing. As we stated on Saturday, for some time past, it had been an open secret that a prominent citizen had come forward with an offer of a large sum of money to enable the scheme, which the during the past two months, to materialise. In the endeavour to serve the public interest, we did not fail in our duty to our, readers' to-obtain official corroboration of the report now proved absolutely authentic and supplementing it with details calculated to interest the community at large. The fear, however, of the project fizzling out through a premature disclosure of the report led to our acquiescing, in deference to an expressed wish; in the suggestion that the report might be withheld from publication until the preliminary arrangementa had been brought to measurable distance of settlement. We had reason to believe towards the last week-end that negotiations had so far advanced, that On March 12, 19 8, at Shanghai, PERCY | nothing remained in the way to a conditional acceptance of the offer. At the same time, Mr. Rennie's name was that which appeared in the foreground in connection with the realisability of Hongkong's ambitious was held in the back-ground. The error into which, it now transpires, we had been led is one which, under the "cirwhich the many opportunities for benevolent work arise in Hongkong with ample scope for its Crossus to show their liberal spirit inno uncertain manner. Mr. Rennie should bid fair to, be enshrined in the niche wherein Mr. Mody has set the example for him and others like him to emulate. We trust that there will be many such public bene-

> ADMIRAL MOORE AS A DIPLOMAT!

against the late Tory Government's administ appoint our readers with news concerning or coupons, as the spaneer may form them. The supplied our readers with news concerning or coupons, as the spaneer may form them.

question—they went on spending more and | Squadron which cannot be disregarded. It. more money on the navy each year without is absolutely new to us to find that an any apparent objective at all. One of Lord admiral should be invested with the powers Brassey's chief criticisms of naval outlay in of a diplomat, but apparently the effect of the the past is really directed against this indis- representations of the admiral have not criminate and emperical expenditure. He merely been great out final. We can quite quotes Sir George Clarke's dictum that "the | well understand why Vicercy Chang should waste of money in the British navy upon seek to maintain the importance and dignity vessels which were never suited for any of his office in the two Kwang, and it reasonably probable requirement of war has; speaks volumes for the tact and diplomacy been enormous." To end that sort of manifested by the two representatives of expenditure is one of the reasons of a Liberal Great Britain, that a matter, which at one Government's existence. It is perfectly time seemed to threaten the peace of merchants who follow legitimate lines in the have nothing at all to fear immediately. We as we can learn, settled to the extent that have 52 relatively new battleships of 772,000 mediation may ultimately be resorted to. There is much more behind our corresponed by France and Germany together; and dent's letter than is evident at first sight. The question of piracy has apparently, been left alone. The Viceroy, by his energetic endeayours to re-constitute the situation, has removed all fears on that score. Now, we are, be unimpeachable, that Great Britain has, through Admiral Moore, practically declared Power standard. That is due mainly to that the importation of arms and ammunithe very size of our navy, which does not ad- tion into South China will be prohibited with a vigour which has never previously been attained. The great question is as to a matter which deserves the support of every Colowan, that small island off Macao and in the esmary of the Pearl River. Whether that belongs to Portugal, or whether it belongs to China, is a matter which can only be settled by diplomatic arrangement. We are in possession of information which would, at least on the surface, place Colowan. under the Portuguese flag. As a matter the nomination of Mr. Murray Stewart to be of fact within the last week the garrison at I the representative of the Chamber of Com-Colowan has been strengthened by Portuguese troops. This may mean little or no be carried without opposition, the fact thing, but it will certainly bring the question | that he was not asked to give the slightest to a point. Some obsetvers hinted that war expression to his views, on any particular between hina and Japan over the cargo of question affecting the interests of the Chamthe Tatsu Muru was imminent. It is perfectly ber is eloquent, evidence of the confidence true that were have been occasioned by less'; which the mercantile community repose in but at the present moment when Japan has him: Not that it was at all essential that an empty exchequer, China governed, by Mr. Stewart should propound his opinions an extremely astute officialdom and the before the members of the Chamber of Com-Powers are careful to watch every movement | merce, for his attitude on the vital allairs of Saturday's number giving: credit to, that which might tend to detract from their in-, the Colony have never been concealed, nor fluence and trade, it is inconceivable that have they been clothed in any but the the two empires concerned would resort to plainest language. For that reason, it was buildings for the founding of a university in the last extremity. When Admiral Moore possible that's candidate more pliable and Hongkong: Mr. Rennie wishes it to be made: said that Great Britain would observe att in- less firmly, entienched behind his own conterest in the affairs of South China, an in- victions, might have had the ghost of a terest, which we must admit cannot be wholly chance if set up in opposition to Mr. Murray disinterested, considering our trade with Stewart, but then, again, he is no extremist, Canton-he was speaking not merely for but is open to argument until the last word Great Britain, but also for Germany, Ame has been said. As he remarked at yesterday's rica and the other Powers having commer- meeting of the Chamber of Commerce: " cial interests with China. That great results like to preserve my liberty of choice up to the. will flow from this conference there cannot last moment of the time appointed." This is be the slightest doubt. Let us trust that independence to be admired, and the Chamthey will favour the progress of our trade ber was entirely with him when he assumed public enterprises which, in their own light, and the hope of our prosperity in the future. that in nominating him to the position left

YARN TRADE.

(17th March.) more than ordinary difficulties during the cial world is rendered trebly difficult to fill. Feached in 1996 7 has now happily given have been moulded in cast iron to suit any Fiederick Lugard—a project, which, in its way to a period of confidence which it is the particular class, sect or coterie, Mr. Stewart hope of all engaged in that trade to see would have little to 'do beyond presenting maintained fon a healthy basis. The intro- to the Government the cause which he had duction of any element which might be espoused and promised to support. His calculated to affect the even tenor of the way personal attitude, his own convictions would of this special branch of commerce should have to be subordinated to those of the therefore be watched with a very jealous eyes | party behind him, and, no doubt, if he were We have alluded previously to the attempt sufficiently sycophantic he would loyally ad-Governor had openly and forcibly advocated on the part of the Japan Gotton "pinners" here to the terms on which he had been no-Association to foster artificial demand minated. But as an independent voter who for the staple industry of the islands. It is permitted a free hand in representing the may be remembered that a couple of varied interests of the members of the months ago that sociation sought to intro- | Chamber of Commerce, his duty is rendered duce what was tantamount to a lottery scheme, infinitely more onerous than in the former into Shanghai by which the promoters ex- case, There was one significant sentence pected that the huge accumulated stocks of in the remarks which he addressed to the yarn in Japan would be worked off and Chamber yesterday afternoon when defining a better condition of things brought about his position. "When the Government apso far as they were concerned. It would pear to me to be wrong," he said, "I shall appear that the Consular Body in the north- say so; and when I think they are right I ern settlement saw through the move and shall also say so." One of the unfortunate objected to the lottery being permitted in results of living in a circumscribed area is its original form. The protnoters of the that as everybody knows everybody else, or ciation. In order to descat the municipal of honest criticism is discarded in favour of tactics they caused the issue through their instance has brought his friend into con- more or less than a gamble pure and simple. blow or come out and joust with their desiderable favourable, public prominence, The drawings are to take place every other tractors. Not that the public servants are and seeing that Mr. Rennie himself is putting month at Shanghai and the value of the prizes immaculate or that their actions will always his shoulder to the wheel in promoting and offered will amount to Y50,000, the prizes bear the brunt of straightforward and honest standing sponsor for Mr. Mody's bantling being divided into 2,243 gifts. The first opposition; the trouble is that the criticism, his association with the report of Saturday prize will be of the value of Yro,o.o, while showered so freely is not equally distributed. is not wholly devoid of the interest which | there are two prizes of Y3,000, ten prizes of | The Government and officialdom get nine. has been aroused; by its publication. It | Y500, thirty prizes of Y125, one hundred tenths of it all and the helpless, unsupported may, after all, not at all be improbable that prizes of Y621 and one thousand nine hun-members of the community get the remainentitled to receive sets of picture post-cards, up a larger space in the public eye than so that in reality those who take advantage anybody else, and, again, it is always, of the offer are sure to participate in some or nearly always, safe to run counter to degree, it being a case of all prizes and no it. But the fact remains that the prohibit the importation of lottery tickets and incompetent critics. At all events, we into the Colony and empowered the Post- haso Mr. Stewart's suggestion that while the by practical men. That must be kept master-General to open any covers received Government may not always be right it is steadily in view, because the Colony

gambeing instinct of the Chinese with a view Bill is in Committee. Well may he hope of religving the yarn traders and manufac- "that when the present Bill is passed it may turered Japan by ridding them of the con- be the last of its kind for many a day." gestedistate of the stock in the market and clearattention of the Government to this latest phase of Japanese energy in trying to com- owners, and tenants in a state of perpetual the detriment of the ordinary worker. St pete by questionable methods with those conduct of a branch of business which may | carnestly hopes to see attained then one of the one the mainstays of the Colony's those who have vested or indirect interests elemotros gambling into the book lide trade | which frequently mean little or nothing and come from we are at a loss to know a B the subject to the consideration of the new, that he would be the one and only choice elected unopposed at the meeting this after- business men of Hongkong. noon, we maintain that they will be taking up merchant in Hongkong and the Chamber. of Commerce in particular.

THE NEW MEMBER.

1(18th March.); ... Although there was never any doubt that merce at the Legislative Council would vacant by the departure of Mr. E. A. He-Council "a free and not a fettered man." That is an enviable trust which has been day's meeting held at Government House, accorded.Mr. Stewart, and the role of indepen-The yarn industry has been beset with dent representative of the Colony's commer- we are indebted to His Excellency the Goverpast two years and the crisis which was As a delegate whose views and opinions point of view of the scheme; but surely he lottery proposed to award hundreds of prizes has reason to fear that adverse criticism may who take the regular course of lectures, even to the holders of tickets issued by the Asso- recoil upon them personally, the saving grace if the chairs are endowed? For our part laws of Shanghai the Japanese very astutely a blatant, purposeless, ignorant and slavight of the population. Then who are the men offered payment of the prizes in yam instead praise-besiavering of everybody and every who are to endow this university? The of money, and in pursuance of these new thing: Of course such a policy of lip-homage. Chinese, of course, are to be called upon, as gratifies the great majority of mankind, but they always are, and that they will respond agents at the various ports where yarn Mr. Murray Stewart will have none of it, and to the appeal for funds we have not the scheme. For good reasons, Mr. Mody's is sold in considerable quantities of a with that attitude he will find favour in the slightest doubt. They have proved their large number of leaflets, in Chinese, des- eyes of all fair-minded people. He made a generosity in the past and given subscripcribing the character of their new lottery. shrewd hit when he observed: "We are tions to schemes in which it could not scheme: A literal translation of that cir- only too familiar with unfairness in attacks be said they were in any way interested or cular is reproduced in another column. A on public servants." Undoubtedly we are, likely to reap benefit from, but a must that Mr. Mody takes no umbrage at perusal of this prospectus will convince any and the worst of it is that public servants | elephant affair is another matter. It is one of those mistakes which in the present one that the scheme in question is nothing have no redress, they cannot return blow for Irue, that, some \$250,000 was subscribed we have only anticipated a munificence dred prizes of Yro each. The holders of der. The conscienceless time server escapers of the many. The Governor mentioned tickets which have not drawn a prize will be scot free. Naturally, the Government take a million dollars as the necessary endow-

through the mails which might be suspected of certainly not siways wrong, and we have cont in view of its revenue fetures, and wiso

containing lottery tickets. There is nothing scientiously endeavoured to prove our ad- in view of the fact that they may be

specific in the Hongkong Gambling Ordinance | herence to that view. Mr. Stewart is in | reduced at any moment cannot afford to lend

to prevent the introduction of the para tickets [favour generally of the Bill which has for lits huancial aid towards the idealistic hopes

changing which leaves land-holders, propertyuncertainty and unrest. If the passing

THE HUNGKONG UNIVERSITY SCHEME.

(19th March.) Prior to this we have refrained from stating our views on the question of establishing a university in Hongkong. It is an extremely simple matter to suggest that a university would be an excellent thing, and we entirely concur in the idea that to constitute Hong. kong an educational centre would have its advantages, but the other and more material aspects of the question make us pause before we should care to advance the scheme. A gentleman animated by the highest motives. which are seconded by men equally disposed. has offered a magnificent gift towards the establishment of a university. That takes the subject out of the ethercal and brin's us down to the question of ways and means. However much we may desire to see a university in Hongkong, and however much we may believe in its practical utility, we cannot avoid the matter of cost. To begin at the beginning no new scheme of this character, even although it may have the imprimatur of the Government, should involve the revenues of the Colony in its upkeep. It should be selfsupporting dissociated from the State, and it should be established on a basis which precludes the possibility of its downfall. These, of course, are self-evident propositions, but in the enthusiasm which is generated by a donation of \$150,000 towards so admirable an object they are apt to be forgotten. The Government may give a site. a few citizens may give donations and the tors, only two now remain-Sir Thomas Sutheruniversity may be established in stone and mortar, but who is to maintain it? 'At yester-(for a full report of the proceedings of which nor) His Excellency took an eminently sane in 1864 produced the bank in the early months must recognise that he was very far out of the reckoning when he said that a sum not far short of a million dollars would be required for the endowment of the professorial chairs. A million dollars at sixper cent, would produce \$60,000; but what is that towards the salary of half a dozen teachers of ability? And if, it is to be a university at all in the usual sense of the word, half a dozen teachers, even lecturera and demonstrators, would be who'ly inadequate, not to say ludicrous. It must borne in mind that we are entirely on the side of those who would see a university in Hongkong, but we object to anything in the nature of an additional incubus on the finances of the Colony, and especially to anything which would make the Colony a byword of ridicule. His Excellency the Governor spoke about fees, and said that the university would derive its main income from the fees paid by the students. How many people, in Hongkong are able to pay the fees that must be demanded from those we should say a very insignificant proportion by Chinese here and abroad, and by European firms associated with Chinese trade for the relief of the typhoon sufferers, but that was a special occasion, a disaster which appealed to the heart rather than to the mind. It is very questionable if the Chinese community would recognise the advantages to be gained by contributing to a project which would benefit the few to the monetary loss ment, but we would suggest that three times that amount would not be too much if arts, medicine, law and engineering were to be established as the original chairs. blanks. It was only quite recently that the Government, like the devil, is usually not | The great dread is, of course, that the Governor-in-Council thought it necessary to half so black as it is painted by irresponsible | Colony may find itself saddled with another incubus, whose virtues are unrecognisable

tration was that they never would answer this the movements of the Admiral of the China into the which are sold in Health and Buildings Ordinance, but here be an excellent institution, but if its main-Hob city from and after the first of March. again, he states locisively that he tenance costs the ordinary ratepayer a But the whole object of the Japan Cotton will only be guided by the arguments sub single cash then its catablishment is Spinder Association is to appeal to the mitted to the Legislative Council when the to be deplored. The whole question therefore resolves itself into this; & Can a university be founded in Hongkong without increasing, the ratepayers burden? If it There is nothing more harmful to the steady can, well and good; but we do not wish to ing a way the enormous accumulations in their progress of the Colony than a system of see a university which imay become the hands. We think it only right to direct the | tinkering and tampering, chopping and special preserve of the rich, who can afford high fees and whose affluence will prove to posing for a moment that the difficulty of socustive this Bill achieves the result which everybody ingendoned chairs was surmounted it would be necessary, if the clever youth of the work be described without exaggeration as most vexed questions which afflict and perturb ing-class were to be eucouraged; to have buriaries and foundations in order that their commercial, life. Nothing should, be left in property will have been settled for at least | education might be completed. Enthusiasm undone to discourage at the very outset a generation to come. Mr. Murray's manly does not as a rule mean money, and where this discoupt to introduce the dedicralising speech was devoid of those ornate periods, these, bursaries and foundations are to of the Colony, if that trade is to be encour- are capable of any construction whatever, all means have a university, have it aged and fostered. This is a matter which It is little wonder then that his nomination as soon as possible, but let it be comes peculiarly within the province of the was hailed with acclamation, and we feel no thing apart from the Government. We Chamber of Commerce, and in commending little pride in having been the first to predict have said nothing as to what should be the constitution of the Court or Senatus. member of the Legislative Council, who was of the hard-headed, far-sighted and astute | because that would lead us into another and entirely different, not to say intricate and disputable, matter. But before anybody can wholly approve of the scheme to establish a university in Hongkong be must see farther ahead than we can pretend to do at the present time.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANG-HAI BANK.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation occupies so conspicuous a place in the economic conditions of the whole of the Far East that special interest will be felt in the report of the proceedings at the first annual dinner held in London on 18th ult. If we eliminate the handful of guests, whose pleasure it was to be present at this inaugural event, it will be seen that the service which could muster a hundred on a single evening in London alone is no small one. This consisted only of the home staff, and the comparatively few of the large staff abroad who happened to be on leave. The London and China Express whose 'editorial comments on the function we quote. gives a lengthy report of the proceedings, Much that was said will prove of interest to others, who do not belong to the bank, and who may not even be the fortunate holders of shares, but to whom the Hongkong. Bank is a real live inetitution of the Far Rast, with one or other of whose branches they have possibly daily (ransactions. We feel sure that to them the interesting account given of the origin of the bank by the Chairman of the London Committee, Sir Thomas Jackson, reproduced elsewhere in this issue will provelentertaining reading. Various accounts have been current of the originality the bank, and of the assemblage of that committee which met, according to popular report, as the result of post-prandial conversation. Of the originaland and Mr. Arthur Sassoon. .. The committee considered if it was good enough for Bombay, then in the heat of an exciting financial boom. to donate Hongkong and China with a bankwell, it was good enough for Hongkong to take the matter in hand itself. The inception of 1865, with the lafe Victor Kresser as the first general manager. Though Bombay had exhausted its brom in 1865, and was, on the contrary, going through a disastrous financial crisis, that wrought havor to the fortunes of many a China hand as well, the new Bank did well in that year. The Bombay slump had the effect of reducing the foreign banks in China to half their number, and left the then greatly powerful Oriental Bank Corporation as the admitted head of them all. For the privilege of possessing that bank's paper you usually had to pay &d. more. It was not only 1865 that had many dangers for fivancial craft. In 1886 came the great Overend Gurney smash, and in its train came the downfall of the erstwhile great houses of Dent's, Lindsay's, Fletcher's, and numerous others. Nurtured on such material the young bank had to tread 'cautiously. But as Sir Thomas Jackson point-'ed out, if the fishing is to be good the waters must be troubled. They were assuredly. froubled, but the bank was not swept off its -own rock, and therefore: fished with some considerable anxiety, but withall with profit to its shareholders. Since those days it has had many ups and downs, and its shares have had wide limits in their quotations. It has, as a result; achieved the powerful position it now occupies with a captial of fifteen millions of dollars, and declared reserves of twenty-eight, and a half millions of dollars, "It will not be possible to note all its achievements, but it has been the means of introducing Chinese credit and loans to the West, whilst though the first Japanese loan came through the auspices of the Oriental Bank Corporation, the Hongkong Bank has had a considerable hand in all the later issues, It has so become a portion of the life of the Far East that it may safely be said anything affecting its fortunes greatly affects every foreign community in that part of the world. That those communities will join in the good wishes expressed at this first annual gathering we may take as a foregone conclusion.

THE following information regarding the Chinese bankruptcy code is transmitted by Consul Wilbur T. Gracey of Tsingtan: Recent local newspapers announce the appearance of an extremely useful little pamphlet containing a translation of the Chinese bankruptcy code of 1905; by Chang Nich-Yun, with an editorial by a prominent solicitor in Shanghai, who is a well-known authority on Chinese law. The editor, points out that in 1905, when imperial assent was obtained for this code, it was a time when the cry of reform was loud and preent, and the code, though containing the comperatively small humber of sixty-hipe articles, as against the voluminous Roglish bankruptcy enactments, makes a laudable step in the right direction by placing on record a set of rules to cover the insolvency of Chinese subjects and opening for them a way to clear themselves of their debts, instead of allowing them to marely languish is prison. possibly for years. The code was the work of certa n. Chinese students educated in Japan and was revised by Willing Fang axivicapresident of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs o China also the first Chinesa bigrister atit Rootleb ter. who was recently appoint

presentatheir petition, the streets leading to

the sames were thronged with crowds of

people watching the petitioners who marched

was then handed to H.E. the Viceroy in person

who, in reply, stated that, in conformity with

the Customs regulations, the Japanese vessel

should have been confiscated, so that His Ex-

cellency himself, in dealing with the case from

beginning to and, wired many times to the

Capital vigorously protesting against the Wai

wu-pu's proposals, regardless of any trouble

that might befall him and heedless of the

Excellency, moleover, requested the Ministry

that the case should be settled in Canton be-

tween himself and the Japanese Consul bere,

but the Ministry over-ruled all his suggestions

and the result turned out quite contrary to what

he had expected and also contrary to the

people's wishes. H.E. further added that in all

his telegrams he declared his intention of con-

for the fault committed in hauling down the

Japanese flag, the vessel will, nevertheless, have.

to be confiscated. His Excellency stated to the

deputation that he was personally considerably

exercised at the steps taken by the Wai-wu-pu.

but he nevertheless assured the potitioners of

his willingness to again wire to Peking on.

their behalf and acquaint the Ministers with the

feelings of the general mass. At the same time,

H.E. exhorted the people to remain as quiet as

possible and not to create any unnecessary

disturbance over the matter. After an inter-

view of about forty minutes, the deputation

withdrew, all showing signs of dejection.

Walking at the head of this monstrous pro-

cession of protestants, some of the proces-

signists carried white banners bearing the ins-

cription: " To jointly petition the High Authori-

ties to have our sovereign rights restored." The

A TELEGRAM OF CENSURE.

ed by the League to the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs seriously censuring the officials of that

Ministry for the loss of the sovereign right of

the Chinese nation and pointing out the harm

done to the country and its people and also

declaring that the people in the Southern

Capital will not recognise the steps taken by

BOYCOTT AGITATION.

Telegrams have again been despatched to

THE EXACT POSITION.

CHINA'S CASE: JAPAN'S REPLY.

[N. C. D. News.]

mercial Treaty between Japan and China:

(5) That as Japan would not agree to this.

that Ministry in every respect.

of the Peking Government.

case of the Tatsu Maru :-

pay the damages.

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tion between them at all.

cannot be applied to this question.

tion cannot be jumified.

of the settlement of this question,

the Chinese Government.

effected by means of warlike measures. The

according to the rule of the mixed investiga-

ber cargo. The Japanese Government cannot

accede to the conditional release proposed by

UNGUARDED STATEMENTS.

COUNT HAYASHI'A YIRWS

New York, March Q.

(apapese goods.

After this meeting a telegram was despatch-

crowd was not dispersed until after 5.30 p.m.

reprimand to which he was exposed. He

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" BERVICE.

SHANGHAI RATEPAYERS

MEETING. THE PRESS TO BE ADMITTED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] Shanghai, 17th March,

12.30 p.m. As the result of a special resolu-

flor which has been adopted by those connected with the forthcoming meeting of ratepayers in Shanghaif it has been decided that the Press will be admitted in order that the proceedings may be adequately

NANKING RAILWAY. FORMAL OPENING NEXT MONTH.

> [From Our Own Correspondent.] Shanghai, 17th March,

The railway connecting Shanghai with Nanking will be formally opened for passengers and goods traffic on the 1st April next,

SHANGHAI TRAMWAYS. THE FIRST FATALITY.

[From 'Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 17th March, 12,30 p.m.

The first fatality since the Shanghai tramway service was inaugurated recently took place yesterday afternoon.

> THE AMENDING PUBLIC . HEALTH BILL.

A CHINESE TRANSLATION WANTED.

At a meeting of the Commercial Union last Tuesday afternoon, it was decided to request the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai to approach the Goverament with a view of having a translation of the amending Public Health Bill made at the Registrar-General's Office. The resolution further embodied the desire that Government be requested to publish, in future, a Chinese version of all Bills of importance relating to the Chinese community.

ALLEGED, CONSPIRACY. MERCHANTS ON TRIAL AT THE CRIMINAL

The last case to be tried at the Criminal Sessions, this morning, before the Chief Justice -Sir Francis Piggott-and a jury, was that against four Chinese merchants-Yuen Fuk Shang, Yiu Siu Shan, Chan Kam Tong and Chan Yat Hing-who were accused of fraud Mr. W. Rees Davies, the Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, the Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution. Sir

d'Almada e Castro, was for the defence. The alleged facts of the case were that on the 4th November, 1907 the accused became acquainted with one Chan Sing On, the piece goods buyer for Messrs. Sincere & Co., 215 to 221, Des Vœux Road Central, through letters of introduction. Their acquaintance ripened into friendship that same afternoon at a dinner to which Chan Sing On was invited, during which the five bosts took the opportunity of laying before their guest a bu-iness proposition, which, they said, would pay handsomely. Their proposition was to float a business, similar to that of Sincere and Company, but on a larger scale, where everything for man's use could be purchased. They would have a capital of \$6,000 and \$4,000 in debenture shares. The business was to be carried on in Queen's Road Central should they procure a suitable building-if not, itiwas the syndicate's intention of purchasing one. After a further discussion the date for the floating of the company was fixed for the

Chan Sing On decided to take a share in the business. On the following day he purchasd \$122 worth of cloth for the new concern and turned it over to the promoters. the meanwhile Chan Sing On had borrowed Stop from a friend-another piece goods man residing in Wing On Street-to purchase a share in the new company. On the 6th November-the day appointed for the floating of the company-Chan Sing On met the accused at an appointed place—an eating house, it was stated-whence he was taken to the top floor of 58, Hollywood Road. Arriving there he was told that others interested in the scheme were expected soon; the business of the night could not be conducted without them, they being the largest shareholders, and 'Chan was asked to wait. He waited for half an houran hour-until finally one of the promoters. suggested a game of cards to while away the time until the arrival of the others. Chan consented, and the cards were produced. Very soon he had lost his \$500. At this stage the game was stopped and refreshments brought out. Chan partook of some, and it is alleged that about ten minutes' later he lost consciousness. When he awoke he discovered that he had affixed his signature to a promissory note for something like \$ 0,000, the exact amount he was not certain of. A report to the police.

was made and their arrest followed.

COUNCIL.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Board Room, on the 25th February, 1909. Present:-Messis, W. H. Wallace (Chairman), C. A. V. Howra, A. F. Gardiner, S. Okuyama, W. Wilson and the Secretary. h. I. The minutes of the last meeting are read and conlimed

2,-Geperal toutine business is transacted, 5. The Superintendent of Police reports the lipwing cases have been heard in the Mixed Court since the last meeting:-

mot of Court. 8. Throwing rubbish into the Beblie drain. (Dabt. 3 Summary Arrests .- That I Quitting om-

ployment without giving due notice I, (Signed) W. H. WALLACE

THE "TATSU MARU."

THE STATUS OF COLOWAN. APPREHENDED CHINESE AGGRESSION.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] Mac20, 13th March, 1908. From all I can gather, the Taleu Mars affair

is fraught with a great deal of auxiety to the local Government. As an outcome of the already protracted negotiations; I understand that the Chinese Covernment has raised the question as to the status of Colowan. The Wai-wu-pu had called upon the Government of Macao to establish valid proofs of Portuguese sovereignty over the island, failing which it is apprehended China may seek to exercise the power of re-annexation. Diplomatic negotiations are now in progress over the question. In the meantime, fearing the possibility of an aggressive demonstration, I understand the Portuguese garrison at Colowan has been strengthened. The local authorities are said to be too. prepared for surprises.

[The above news, of somewhat serious import, fully corrobates the special despatch, printed in 'our last evening's issue, from a. correspondent at Canton. - Ed., H.K.T.]

ANOTHER MONSTER MEETING.

JAPANESE BOYCOTT SCHEME.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 13th March, 1908.

"It connection with the question of the arrest f the s.s.-Taleu-Maru, a second mass meeting was held yesterday at the headquarters of the. Canton Self-Government League and the number of people present was far in excess of the number attending the first meeting, of which vesterday's was an adjournment, held on the 7th instant. The building was considerably overcrowded, and many could not obtain seats in the hall.

At this meeting, in spite of the enormous attendance, there was no noise or disorder of any kind and all present listened with great and close attention to the various speakers, who the public is drawn to the matter, in a more delivered vigorous speeches, touching in detail upon all the points concerning the arrest of the Japanese steamer.

A telegram received from Shanghai was read before the assembly, which recorded the people's approval of the League's action, and the telegram was received with applause.

It was agreed, by the majority, that an investigution should be made to ascertain the different articles imported from Japan and the number of Japanese instructors employed in the various educational and other institutions in Canton with the object of formulating a scheme for steps to be taken to bring about a baycott, should the diplomatic negotiations fail to bring satisfaction to the Chinese people. The meeting commenced at I p.m. and was not ended until a little after 5 p.m.

At this meeting a deputation was also selected to proceed to the port of Wuchow to make arrangements in connection with the floating of the proposed shipping company.

So close are negotiations guarded that, so far, no definite particulars have transpired from official sources in regard to the question. However, the Canton paper Kwok See Po had, in to-day's issue, the following telegraphic intelligence that is reported to have been exchanged between the Canton Viceroy, H. E. Chang, and the Central authorities :- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has twice wired to the Canton Viceroy instructing him to at once -release the seized Jupanese steamer for the purpase of maintaining the harmonique relations between the two countries. On receipt of the above telegraphic order. H. E. the Viceroy was greatly agitated and, in reply, despatched. ing: a telegraphic memorial to the Throne tendering his resignation from the Vicerovalty Henry Berkeley K.C., instructed by Mr. F. X. of the Liang Kwang Provinces, to which despatch the Central Government seems willing to accede and is now proposing to appoint the present Canton Commander-in-chief. Chun

Pidg-chik, to temporarily take up the post. Great excitement is now prevailing in this city over the news among the Chinese community, and the public are anxiously awaiting further developments.

As the people here are greatly agitated over the question of the arrest of the Talsu Maru, it is leared that some ignorant individuals might attempt to create disturbances, so some private individuals have decided to issue cir culars exhorting the general public to take matters calmly and to deal with the case in as quiet a manner as possible.

HINESE GOVERNMENT ACCEPT JAPAN'S PROPOSALS:

THE VESSEL NOW RELEASED.

March 16th. Just as we are about to go to press in-. formation reaches us through Messrs. Ataka and Company, the agents in Hongkong for the Talsu Maru No. 2, which was recently seized by the government authorities of Canton on the ground that she was illegally carrying arms and ammunition for the use. It the effect that the Chinese Government has decided to admit the representations of the Japanese Government with regard to the vessel. The Tatsu Maru has accordingly been released, and is no longer in the custody of the Provincial authorities. The news arrived in a brief telegram from Canton and no further particulars are as yet obtainable on the subject. It impossible therefore to speculate as to the reasons which have induced the Chinese officials to climb down from the position which they originally adopted with respect to the attitude assumed by Japan, and to admit the validity of the claim that dicate that the Chinese Government dis question was deliberated. KULANGSU (AMOY) MUNICIPAL covered a flaw in the charge and according Mr. Chui Mow-kwan, who was the first speakly made the order which we have just recorded. It is highly probable that we shall

> AGITATION GAINING GROUND. "A FIGHT TO THE BITTER END."

interesting affair.

be in a position to supply our readers to-

morrow with full particulars on this most

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, March 14th, 1908, In reply to the telegram from the Canton is a body to the Viceroy's yamen to petition Self-Government Association; pursuant to the the Viceroy and request H.B. to forward a agilation in connection with the arrest of the telegraphic despatch to the Ministry of Poreign Japanese steamer Tales Marif, the Chinese re- Affairs and declare the people's disapproval of sidents at the port of Manila, yesterday, sent the proposals made by the Walwood it was two telegrams to Cabton, in one of which they also agreed that if no redress is obtained as a requested that the League should firmly opposed result of the petilion; a meneral wirite would be Count Hayashi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Japanese demands, and in the piper itery proclaimed. Then the majority urged that a in the course of an interview stated that the rely upon Japanese in mental and in the proclaimed of the majority urged that a in the course of an interview stated the rely upon Japanese in management of the proclaimed of the process of the proclaimed of the proclaim

according to Customs regulations, in spite. of the bullying demands that have been made, and to fight the case out to the bitter end. As Captain Ng King-wing of the Chinese Char Wal-po, Li Kam-shing; Krok Yin-kwun; gun-boat Po Bik has left here for the Capital to attend an inquity into the facts leading to the arrest of the Taisu Maru, Captain Tso Yu-wun has been appointed to take up the command during the absence of Captain, NK CANTON AGITATION SPREADING.

THE BELF-COVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Canton, 18th March, 1908. H.E. Viceroy Chang yesterday received lelegram from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Peking, to the effect that the case of the lapanese steamer Tattie Maru has been saisfactorily sculed in terms already published and an agreement has been signed by the Japanese Minister and the officials of the Midistry. In this message, the Canton Viceroy was instructed to comply with the terms on the part of China so far as related to matters within his jurisdic-

On the same day the Ministry again despatched another telegram to the Canton Viceroy instructing him to severely punish the mem bers of the Canton Self-Government Association who forwarded the telegraphic despatch of protest to that Department in connection with the arrest of the Tutmi Marit.

With reference to the foregoing despatches the agitation among the people here over the matter has not yet subsided, but is gaining ground on the contrary. On account of the Wai-wu-pu yielding to the Japanese demands for the release of the seized vessel, the Canton Self-Government Association has again sent out circulars calling a meeting to take place on the 18th instant, at its headquarters, and it is expected that the meeting will be attended by a greater number of people than at the first and second meetings. In anticipation that trouble might occur during the progress of the meeting, the prefect of Kwangchow and the district magistrates will personally proceed to the meeting place to see that order is kept. In the circular all particulars leading to the arrest of the steamer were recorded as usual but in strong and vigorous language, and the attention of earnest manner. It was also added in the circular that the arms and ammunition, the subject of the seizure, were most probably consigned to certain Chinese residing in the Portuguese colony of Macan by whom the Chinese bandits in the interior were always being supplied with their weapons, so, an juvestigation should be made to ascertain the names and family places in China of those Chinese, who are dealing in arms and ammunition at Macae for the purpose of supply ing the Chinese bandits. When this investigation has been made, the local Authorities wil be requested to deal with the suspects and the gentry and leading members of their villages will also be made to punish them according to the usual custom.

A MONSTER DEPUTATION.

Canton, 19th March, 1908. For obvious reasons some delay transpired in the publication locally of the official despatches relating to the surrender of the Japanese steamer Talsu Maru.

VICEROY CHANG'S INDIGNATION.

Yesterday, however, on receipt of telegraphic instructions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Peking, H.E. the Viceroy, Chang Jenchun, at oace transmitted a despatch to Admira Li Chun, which is substantially in the follow-

The case of the arrest of the Japanese steamer Talsu Maru No. 2 has been settled by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in terms follow-

I. An apology has been made to the Japanese Minister at Peking for the hauling down of the Japanese flag on board of the said Japanese vessel, and those of the Chinese officers who are to blame for this action will have their case. considered by the Canton Viceroy and are tobe dealt with the Chinese gunboat at Canton. will be ordered to assemble around the said vessel on her release to fire a salute of twentyone guns, and the Japanese Consul is requested to be present to witness the expiatory salute the following grounds:when the vessel is released.

2. The Japanese steamer Taisu Maru No. 2 is to be released at once. 3. The arms and ammunition on board the

l of the Chinese authoritres. said vessel are to be purchased by the Canton authorities for a sum of Yep 21,400. 4. The Chinese Government will conduct an

inquiry into the case of those officials who chants in Macao have tailed to conduct the case to, its entire satisfaction, and to punish them according to the degree of their error. 5. The amount of indemnity to be paid for

the damage sustained by delay, etc. by the said vessel will be settled by the Canton Viceroy with the Japanese Consul at this port. In the despatch His Excellency also in- the mixed investigation.

structed Admiral Li to proceed together with the Japanese Consul at this port to board the Japanese vessel at 9 a.m. on the 19th instant (to-day) and to jointly examine all the arms and ammunition which are to be then discharged from the vessel and removed to Canton. Chinese officers are to re-hoist the Japancse flag and the gunboats are to fire a salute. was alleged, of reformers in the interior, to of twenty-one guns, after which the seized versel will be released. The Admiral is also investigation of this question. instructed to report to the Viceroy when he shall have carried out his duties pursuant to the foregoing instructions.

PEOPLE'S INDIGNATION. On the evening of the 17th instant, on learning the news from Peking of the approaching release of the Tatsu Maru, the Canton Self-Government Association hastened to issue circulars convening a meeting to take place on the 18th idstant for the purpose of making vigorous protests against the proposal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Capital. The appointed day turned out wet and drizzling, and the streets were very muddy, povertheless, the meeting was attended by crowd upon crowd of people of all classes to the estimated numthe Tatsu Mary had been legally seiz- ber of no less than 20,000 persons, being ed. The fact, however, that the vessel several times more than the number that at-Evidence was heard, and the case adjourned. has been released would seem to in- tended the first and second meetings when the

or, mounted the platform and made a speech. in most vigorous language, at the same time allowing signs of emotion and expressing regret at the weak stand made by the Central Government. His patriotic titterances moved hundreds in the crowd into tears. Following this speaker many other gentlemen also made speeches and all of them emphasised the necessity for carrying into effect a scheme for boycotting Japanese goods.

A MONSTER DEPUTATION.

When these gentlemen had finished their speeches it was unanimously agreed to proceed

attach their signatures to it without hesitation. There were altogether about 15,000 signatures. attached to the patition headed by Messrs. Ho Pigg On and Messrs. Kwan Shing 1901, delegale from the port of Wuchow, and The possibility of trouble. Wing-nin, representative from Hongkong, and others. When, at about 4 p.m., the people; in a body started for the Victiegal yamen

Japanese bonds.

the cruiser Isami to Canton, though coinciding experience of recent years. Her action in with the Takin Maru incident, is in no way the seizure of the Takin Maru. and her connected with it, Moreover, in regard to the subsequent attitude bear fatal resemblance naval manœuvres now taking place it is totally untrue that the ships have only just begun foreigners fifty or a hundred years ago. It past in processional order. At about 4 30 their preparations. in the afternoon, they arrived at the Viceroy's yamed, where only the leading DEPRESSION OF JAPANESE BONDS, members of the popular demonstration were New York, March to. admitted and the rest were obliged to Rumours of war in connection with the Total remain outside to await issues. The petition Maru case have had a depressing effect on

> New York, March 11. The British Foreign Office has intimated that there is no occasion for intervention or its part in the Tolsu Maru affair, as it does not in any way come within the scope of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

> In another address to the Japan Society Baron Takahira, Japanese Minister to Washington, has declared that Japan's mission is economic and not warlike.

Tokio, March II. According to the Asaki a certain diplomat in Peking has advised the Waiwupu that its most dignified course would be to comply with Japan's demands and at the same time to approach) the Powers concerned to arrange for a stricter control over the smuggling of arms. fiscating the seized vessel together with the Japin is willing to give her moral support to cargo even if he had to sacrify his viceroyabip.

China in this matter. Some publicists here question whether the Foreign Office should not avail itself of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance in connection with Total Mary incident.

SETTLEMENT STILL UNDECIDED. Tokio, March 12. The negotiations in the case of the Talsu Maru show no progress. No inkling has yet been given concerning the reported free action of lapan.

Meanwhile the issues are narrowing down. THE BRITISH MINISTER'S MEDIATION. Tokio, March 16.

The Tokio authorities confirm the statement f the Jiji Shimbun reported yesterday with regard to Sir John Jordan's good offices inconnection with the Talsu Maru case. China further asked Sir John Jordan's opinion with regard to the transportation of ,500 tons of coal by the Talm Maru to Hong.

Sir John Jordan replied that there was no way open for China other than to comply with Japan's demands; but, he added, that the apanese Government should concede a stricter control in future over the export of arms would be a natural sequel to the present settlement

The consigner, in the case of the Talsu Maru, has agreed to sell the arms and carlridges to China for a sum of upwards of Yen, 20,000 - N. C. D. News: 3.4

the Cantonese at different ports informing them of the unsatisfactory result of the case and re-In a leading article, on the 11th inst., the questing them to at once asco tain what are the N. C. D. News writes:-Although mire than articles imported into China from Japan and to. a month has clapsed since the Japanese join with the Canton people in a boycott of steamer the Talsu Maru was seized off Macao. by the Chinese authorities on February 5 on When the news of the release of the steamer the charge of smuggling arms and ammunition reached the people, general dissatisfaction was into China, it was not until two days ago that expressed on all sides at the way the Ministry the prospect of a settlement of the question of Foreign Affairs conducted the case, to the was reported. According to Reuter's Agency disadvantage of the Chinese nation. Deterthe Chinese Government has now apologized to mination to boycott is reported to be expressed Japan for the offence of hauling down the Japanby the people generally. It is also reported ese flog and has promised to punish the officials that it is the intention of the people to suspend responsible for the insult; at the same time, howbusiness to show their disapproval at the action ever, it withholds a reply on the subject of the arms and ammunition. Whether this action on the part of China will be held by Japan to have closed the incident, has not been made known at present; but it is clear that it contains the basis of the only satisfactory solution o Coina's dilemma. A good case has been spoiled by someone's blunder. Few will deny that the provocation under which China scied Shanghai, March 13th, 1908. was real; the revolutionary element is more We have reason to believe that the following firmly established and more active in the South summary contains the exact position taken up than elsewhere in the Empire, and the importaby China and Japan, respectively, in the tion of arms and ammunition, that in the absence of evidence to the contrary must be The Chinese Government, trics to justify its regarded as intended for use against the Goown action regarding the Tolau Maru case on vernment, becomes more flagrant and exas-(h) That the steamer in question intended to | perating when it is conducted openly. China, however, has no right to seek redress by violatupload arms and ammunitions within the ing another Power's territorial waters (if we Chinese territorial waters without the consent may accept the accuracy of the version that (1) That it was probable that the arms and places the seizure of the Tateu Maru within two and a half miles of the Macao coast), nor by ammunitions in question were destined in the offering an insult to the flag of the country whose end to the rioters, through the Chinese mersubjects are wronging her in their individual (3) That China, therefore, detained the ship, capacity. She showed commendable plertness in following the movements of the suspect vesin accordance with Article V of the Com-

ough to put her out of court in her attempt to (4) That consequently, if Japan wishes to profit by her information. Diplomatic usage protest against the detention of the ship, she requires her offence to be styled a grave one, lought to accede to the proposal of China to and there, should have been less delay in deal with this question according to the rule of withdrawing from an untenable position. Full recognition of the seriousness of China's blunder, however, does not mirigate the extent and as it is Japan who is responsible for the delay in settling this question, China cannot of the disservice she has suffered at Japan's hands. The Japanese official version of the (6) That China would release the ship on | incident allows that the rifles and animunithe condition that the Japanese merchants tion in question-1 somewhat formidable con- Equalization of dividend fund concerned should offer guarantee bonds, and signment-were sold by the Awaya Company of Osaka to the Alaka firm that the arms, and ammunitions in question should be detained in Canton; pending the Macao. Japanese Customs officials were cognizant of the export, and in view of the The Japanese Minister in Peking replied as | chronic unrest in South China, it would have been a friendly act on the part of the Japanese (1) As a matter of fact the arms and ammu- authorities to have given the Chinese Government opportunity to state whether the intro- Property account consisting ofnitions were to be sent to Macao openly, and there is no doubt that the Japanese, merchant duction of these munitions was in order, It was not smuggling them to the Chinese terri- may be quite true that the circumstances attending the dispatch of the goods precluded tory. Chica has no right to detain a ste mer and cargo which were going to the territory of the technical charge of smuggling to but (2) There might have been the danger of the ammunition were landed at Macao, re-exportation of the arms and ammunitions to Macao, but this question is entirely distinct

sel; but her subsequent action was crude en-

would be difficult or impossible to prevent them the Chinese territory after they were landed in from finding their way into revolutionary hands afforded China ample excuse for her anxiety to from the present one, there being no connec- bepossessed of them beforehand. More intimate knowledge of the rules of international comity (3) As the ship in question was not smugg- would have spared China her present humilialing arms and ammunitions into Chinese terri- tion; but it is possible that behind the dilatory Balance of profit and loss account tory, Article V of the Commercial Treaty | conduct of the Central Government admit to itself in the wrong may be another conflict of (4) This question has no connection with nuthority between Pekingwand the provinces, the Customs business, because the seizure was. This view is supported by the eagerness of the Canton Viceroy, to send a personal exponent proposal of Cifina to deal with this question of his case to the Capital; but again an illus- To Balance on grat December, tration is afforded of the national danger arising from an administrative system that would (5) China alone is responsible for the delay | llow provincial authorities to interfere in the By Balance on gist December, foreign affairs of the Empire. On the other (6) What the Japanese Government demands | hand we may welcome the tacit admission is the unconditional release of the ship and of by Japan of negligence on ber part in the recommendation, reported to have been forwarded to his Government by Baron Hayashi from Peking, that greater care should be exercised in future with regard to the traffic in arms and ammonition between Japan and

H.E. Wu Ting-lang, Chinese Minister to With such knowledge as we have at present Washington, declares that Japan is not in a of the details of the Tatsu Maru incident, it position to force the Taisu Maru affair to an may be doubted whether by itself it offers sufficient ground for an appeal to the Hague Tribupal. If the circumstances are as allegad, China may well rid hardelf of a grave predicament by an unreserved apology and

ed, was not an ultimatum. The Tatte Mare's | high-handed action as that of the officers of the cargo, had been duly authorized and did not Chinese gunboats, has afforded before now A violate any Treaty provisions. The Japanese | casus belli. The incident, indeed, serves to Government was propared to carry out its | show how close the existing tension between original programme for securing reparation for | the two countries may come to an open supture. the insult, regardless of any obstacle or the While we cannot exempt Japan from blame, it would be idle to ignore the fact that China The naval authorities declare that the visit of | would seem to have learned nothing from the to the demeanour she adopted towards would be well, therefore, if she could take a lesson from the present contratemps. There are numerous points at Issue between horselfand Japan, and in any one, even though her case be of the strongest, a false move due to arrogance or contempt for diplomatic procedure may bring her to the verge of a national disaster. The submission of other outstanding questions to The Hague before she is tempted to strain the cord of diplomacy to breaking point would give China's far stronger case than she will have, if she waits till she is forced to accept

CORKESPONDENCE

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." SIR,-I wish to correct a statement which appeared in the Press of Saturday evening last. in which I am credited with being the donor of a lakh and a half of dollars for the erection of

a University in Hongkong. I am the promoter, and will cause to be erected, and handed over to a Court of directors complete within twenty months, if the necessary land is available forthwith, a University which will be, in my opinion, a credit not only to Hongkong but to the generous and modest donor, Mr. II. N. Mody -Yours,

A. H. RENNIE. Hongkong, 15th Warch, 1908.

> LUNCHBON ON BOARD S.S. " CEYLAN."

CAPT. JOUAN "AT HOME,"

Capt. Jouan, of the new French steamer Ceylan of the Chargeurs Reunis, entertained a party of friends at luncheon last Wednesday afternoon and, among others present, were Mr. D. W. Craddock; general agent, Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Messrs. H. P. Thomas. (C. P. R. Co.), N. P. Blanch (Thos. Cook and Son), Thouroude (agent general of the Chargeur Reunis at Yokohama), J. Millet, agent M. M. Co, and S. C. de Bussiere (M. M. Co.) After justice had been done to ad-excellent menu prepared by the French chef of the Ceylan, Mr. Craddock, in a humorous speech, proposed "Prosperity to the Chargeur Reunis" coupling with it the name of Mons. Thouroude, who responded on behalf of his Company.

After Junch, the guests were conducted over the fine steamer by Capt. Jouan and much admiration was expressed at her fine appointments, splendid accommodation and up-todate equipments.

CHINA NUGAR REFINING COM-PANY, LIMITED.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirtieth annual general meeting, to be held at the offices of the general agents, at noon on Thursday, 16th inst, reads:-

The general agents beg to submit to shareholders their report on the Company's business for the year 1907, with a statement of accounts to 31st December last,

In consequence of severe competition in the China markets the price of refined sugar remained below the cost of production throughout the year, and exports to other markets were adversely affected by the high rate of exchange

Under these circumstances the output of the Refinery was much reduced, and the year's working resulted in a loss of \$279,371.34, which is carried forward to next account.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE: This consists of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.O. Messrs, A. G. Wood and F. Maitland. who offer themselves for re-election. Mr. A. J. Raymond resigned his sent on his departure from the Colony.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Poits and H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.,

General Ageuts. Hongkong, 10th March, 1908.

BALANCE SHEET-ONE YEAR-TO. 31ST DECEMBER, 1907. Capital and Liabilities.

Paid up capital 5: 000,000 00" Repairs and renewals account Raw sugar reserve account Sundry creditors

53,299,001.70

Bast Point Refinery Bowrington Refinety. Swatow Refinery Hongkong Distillery

Raw and refined sugar, &c.,

Charcoal, coal, stores, &c., Sundry debtors Shipments \$212,299.98 Less Bdvances ... 44,920.39

Spirits and rum, &c.,

5279,375,34

PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

1907:\$1,531,209.03 PROPIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To Remuteration to consulting

\$ 188,589.81 By Halance brought forward from

C. BURKELBY MITCHELL.

"AU BEVOIR."

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. J. RAYMOND.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AT HOME.

The esprit du corps animating the select community of seventy odd Jews in Hongkong was manifested in a laudable manner at a gathering within the precincts of the pretty little Club-house on Robinson Road on Saturday evening last. The approaching departure of Mr. A. J. Raymond, until recently the managing representative in Hongkong of the firm of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ld., on promotion to Bombay, was made the occasion of a demonstration which does honour to that section of our esteemed follow-citizens. Mr. A. J. Raymond leaves for Bombay shortly to take over the management of the firmat its head office after having piloted his barque on the China Sea through extremely perilous times especially during the last couple years when storms beset. Mr. Raymond's charge in tempestous seas like those witnessed during the critical period of the yarn crisis and the difficulties which for some time have been surrounding the allimportant opium trade. That the firm should bave emerged from these and is capable of holding its own after a period of such exceptional difficulties is the best testimony to Mr. Raymond's business faculty and conspicuous ability It is little wonder, therefore, that in recognition of his success the firm should have elected to bestow upon their China manager the honour of appointment to the helm in Bombay. During the twenty-seven years of his residence in Hongkong, Mr. Raymond has been surrounded by a host of friends. They were not confined to the community to which he be- Committee in 1906 you have received the longs." He can count them among the British | thanks of our late Governor, Sir Matthew Naand foreign and Chinese communities. Nor Lthan, K.C.M.G., and of His Majesty's Secretary were they, among those who moved with of State for the Colonies. As testimony of the him in social circles. For ain the larger soundness of your counsel and the practical sphere of his business activities, in Hongkong the subject of our notice is held in equally this Colony, your appointment to the recent high esteem whether they be bankers, merchants, traders, or brokers. His extreme modesty enhanced the appreciation by which he was held universally popular, ' It was left, however, | gard's, appreciation of your standard of ability to his most intimate friends to show in a tangible manner the high esteemnin which he is held. The occasion was one which in every respect justified the feelings of mutual gratification upon the brilliance and success of the you to a position of honour and distinction demonstration. No more fitting place could | which shed lustre on the community who claim have been chosen than the pretty hall—made | you with pride as one of their own. even prettier by the exquisite floral decorations -of the Jewish Recreation Club. To Mr. Raymond do his community primarily owe the founding of this, the youngest social institution in Hongkong.

The invitations for Saturday evening's farewell gathering in honour of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Raymond were issued by Mr. R. A. Gubbay and of subscribing themselves to be Mr. S. H. Michael. Mr. Gubbay is, by the way, president of the Jewish Club ,vitations were, appropriately enough, confined to members of that community. This limitation, while harmonising with the exclusive character of the Club, was held in view out of special regard for Mr. Raymond's rare quality

of self-effacement. We have said that the beauty of the hall was enhanced by the scheme of effective decorations. For the artistic effect of the floral embellishments carried out for this special occasion, credit is due to; the excellence of taste and originality of idea. of which Mr. R. A. Gubbay has shown himself to be possessed. Over the main entrance the Union Tack with the Stars and Stripes hung in graceful folds beneath the greeting: "Welcome Raymonds" picked out in large red letters on a blue ground. Right opposite this the guests were faced with the parting legend: "Au Revoir! not Good-bye." Across the southern side of the wall stretched the wish: "Health and Happiness to All;" and the northern wall above the door frame bore the injunction: "Eat. Drink and Bo Merry." Each of these inscriptions was enclosed within a framework formed of evergreens, the striking contrast of the pleasing colours was brought out in pretty relief by the brilliant effect of the electric light. Over the main arch on the glass fanlights the inscription: "Prosperity to Our Club" was seen through a pretty transparency with the crimson letters let into mass of green. Evergreen's entwined the massive beams supporting the roof and at intervals large floral baskets depended from the timber stays. Little knots of roses filled the room with an 'exquisite perfume that blended well with the violets and the lilies which formed the circlets around the brackets of the electric bulbs on the walls, Settees lined the bay windows with their pretty outlook across the moonlit lawn over the light-bespangled waters of the bay. At each corner of the spacious hall with its waxened floor were ministure bowries of verdant palms, luxuriant ferms and other dainty pot plants. Two massive silver cups held the choicest of seasonal cut flowers, and it should not be out of place to mention these valuable trophies. :On the plate of one was engraved: "Tennis Cup presented by E. S. Kadoorie, Esq., to be won three times in succession or five times in all. The other cup is of special interest in refer-

Amidst all the picturesqueress of the hall an oil painting of the donor of the Club buildings held a conspicuous position. The representation was a faithful likeness, by Mrs. A. K Dealy, of Mr. E. S. Kadoorie. It occupied a place of honour. It front of it on a lit-le table and the illuminated Address which were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond.

ence to the memorable occasion. It is the

"Billiards Farewell Challenge Cup, presented

by A. J. Raymond, Esq., to the Jewish Recrea-

The guests, who thoroughly represented the elite of the Jewish community, began to arrive shortly after nine o'clock, and when all had assembled Mr. R. A. Gubbay begged leave of the gathering to do honour to the guests of the evening-Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Raymond.

THE ADDRESS.

Mr. Gubbay made a few brief valedictory remarks and then proceeded to read address in the following terms: ---

Hongkong, 14th March, 1908. Hongkong.

After twenty-seven years of a distinguished commercial career, during which you have have said, "I want \$50 to buy clothing." been associated with, and latterly intimately interested in, the trade of the prosperous Colony man and scould not raise that sum. - of Hongkong, you are about to lay down the The most he could give her, he said, was \$20. reins of management of one of the most important and influential firms in this Colony. and, as reward of duty well performed, you. A day was then fixed for the marriage. Let it have been elevated to the responsible position | be said at once that the marriage never came of manager at the head office of the firm you represented here.

us your friends and co-religionists-who have that he had been fooled and robbed, had ber been in daily commercial and social intercourse | arrested | 1/2 | with you beg to take this opportunity of . When the case was called on this morning. festifying to an appreciation of the honour and Mr. Gomperts, discharged the accused, redistinction, which your achievements have condimerking, as mentioned above, that a girl could We wish to emphasize the fact that eyer advised the accused to return the money if she halformly evideed much practical interest in understand that the next step was in the west community.

Prompted by that true spirit of charity which is recognised as your distinctive characteristic,: you have done much good unostentatiously with no hope of reward or with a view ofself-

aggrandisement. Animated by the desire to conserve to members of your community their religious tenets and principles, you were instrumental in the erection of the Synagogue, which, in point of, its architectural embellishments and its pretty environments, is in keeping with the best tradition of our religious persuasion.

To the moral influence which you exercised is owing the existence to day of the Ohel-Leal Synagogue built upon solid material foundation and, we will trust, serving as a beacon to that

haven which shall be our ultimate goal. Appropriately was the corner-stone of that sacred edifice laid by yourself, and we take pride in the fact that your name will be handed

down to Posterity as one of its Trustees.

'In social as in congregational matters you have always been to the forefront when the well-being of the community could be promoted. To your exertions and to the material encouragement which you have given is due the formation of the Jewish Recreation Club. he enthusiasm which you have shown as one of the active members of the Club, in spite of

the exigencies of business, will be greatly

missed by its numerous frequenters, . The respect and esteem in .which you have been held by our community in Hongkong are equalled by the extreme popularity you enjoy among the British, Foreign and Chinese communities. As evidence of that popularity we will instance your appointments to the Diamond Jubilce 'ommittee, Indian Famine, Fund, Russo-Japanese War Fund, Coronation Committee, Kwangsi Famine, Fund, and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess

Patricia's reception in Hongkong. For your services on the Typhson Relief acquaintance with the commercial needs of Commission to inquire into the complex problem of the Subsidiary Coinage is the bes evidence of our Governor, Sir Frederick Luand business acumen.

. Finally, your sent on the Directorate of the leading Bank in the Far East and nearly all the Companies in this Colony at once elevates

In taking leave from you upon your de parture from these shores we respectfully beg your acceptance, as Souvenirs, of a set of Silver Bowls which we trust may serve as a reminder in the quiet hours of your home life in India to bridge the, geographical gap that separates you from those who have the honous

Very Respectfully. Yours, [Here follow Signatures.] Mr. Raymond returned thanks in suitable

The address was illuminated on silk and enclosed within blackwood covers of original design. The front panel was richly engraved cherry blossoms and chrysanthemums being carved out in relief. A centre silver shield bore the following inscription :-

> Address Presented to-Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Raymond On their departure From Hongkong By their Friends.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1908. The corners were finished off in silver. back panel showing four mythical Chinese dragons with a scroll in the centre. The two panels were held together by silver clasps.

The souvenirs were most beautiful specimens of Chinese silversmiths' art. They comprised one large centre flower-bowl and four corses bowls to match. Cherry-blossoms and chrysanthemums were the principal features of the design, the metal being finished after the "frosted" style. . All the bowls were mounted on blackwood pedestals. The inscription on the larger one read':--

"Souvenir to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Raymond. From their Friends and Well-wishers in Hongkong; 14th March, 1908.

"The rest of the evening was spent in dancing which was kept up to the small hours of Sunday morning.

""A GIRL'S MIND." AMUSING STORY OF HOW MERE MAN

WAS SERVED.

There being no breach of promise laws in existence in the Colony as yet rejected lovers hearts and bear the shock quietly. This much was hinted-although not exactly in these words-by Mr. H. S. J. Gompertz at the Police Court, this morning, when he declared that a girl can throw up her, sweetheart whenever it so pleases her—to use the exact words of the gallant Magistrate, "A girl can change her

mind whenever she likes." The case that called for these, by no means povel remarks, so far as Hongkong and Kowloon are concerned; was that in which a young and rather 'good-looking Chinese woman, calling herself Tang Kwan, was accused of obtaining \$20 under false pretences from s

The story begins some time duting the latter part of January when Miss' Tang, seated licipated in the celebration. on the green baire were displayed the souvenirs around a table gossiping with some other women in her house at 15, Macgregor Street, Wanchai, boldly and unblushingly, remarked that she was looking for a husband. She was tired of working for a living, she said, and wanted a man-any man-to step into the breach; while she remained at home. This was treated as a joke at first and everybody laughed, but when Miss Tang announced that it was serious the married women present deword is borne out by the fact that on or about the 10th February last the hawker-Yeung Loong-was landed. He-was introduced to TO ABRAHAM JACOB RAYMOND, ESQUIRE, Miss Tang and after a little conversation de- terms :cided to marry here is

"Beford we marry," Miss Tang is alleged to The hawker replied that he was a pour

Miss Tangingreed, and on the 17th ulto, the hawker is alleged to have given her the money. off. . Three times the ceremony was postponed on account of Miss Tang's excuses, it is Before you take your departure from among | alleged, until finally, Yeung Loong, believing

Summary Court

COMMERCIAL ABILITY RECOGNISED.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT-CONFERS DECORATION.

A HONGKONG CHINESE GENTLEMAN.

So seldom are the merits of the commercial world recognised by government that the appointment of Mr. Francisco Tee-yat to at order, which in civil life corresponds to the D.S.O. of the military world, that we think i is one of the most curious and exceptional events in Hongkong.

Thirty years ago Mr. Francisco Tso-yat was a plain ordinary man in this Colony. Within that period he has organised a business which is second to none amongst the Chinese traders in Hongkong.

Starting as a keen commercial man, and realizing the advantages and the prospects o trade with Europe, Mr. Francisco Tse-yat opened 'up an entirely unexplored territorythat is to say, Austria-Hungary, At that time there happened to be a consul-general who understood the possibilities of the trade between his homeland and the Orient, hver successive consul-general; has always placed before his own government the capacity and the character of Mr. Francisco Tse-yat.

He was commissioned by the Austro-Hungarian Government to supply their warships with material-coals, food and everything else-in fact, he was the intermediary through whom everything was done.

When the Austrian Lloyd line began to sun regular steamers from Trieste to the Far East, Mr. Francisco Tse-yat was the man upon whom they depended in the Far East. Each consul-general referred to him for advice and information, and the result of it all is that Mr. Francisco Tse-yat is one of the honoured men of the Austrian kingdom to-day."

It is no small thing in boast that not a single thing has been done by a Chinaman which could call for reproach from a Government which is eminently critical. It speaks in the highest terms for the work of the Chinese, especially those resident in Hongkong that a foreign Government should have thought fit to recognise in tangible expression the capabilities

of one situated to far from the seat of power. . Unfortunately, Great Britain has no Order of decoration for those who maintain her trade and prosperity. So far as we know Germany is also without an Order of that kind. It is true that lately King Edward has instituted a detoration-or rather an Order of Merit-but that does not by they method bridge the gap. On the other hand the Austrian Government have had the must to see that their actual existence depends upon their representatives abroad. In Mr. Francisco Tso yat they happened to find a gentleman, whose rectitude could not be denied, and in whom they could rely in all seasons and in all weathers. It is not surprising therefore that the Government of Austria-Hungary decided, through the representations of the various consuls general who have represented that empire in this Colony, to reward one who was a real asset

to the country. Some days ago, Mr. Francisco Tse-yat was decorated by the Consul-General for Austria-Hungary with an Order, which, as we have already stated, equals in civil, life that granted

by England and known as the "D. S. C." The friends of Mr. Francisco Tac-yat desired to do him honour, but it was only after much persuasion that he allowed himself to be the centre of appreciation.

Yesterday forenoon, Mesars. Wing Kee and Company were at home at Connaught Road Central, and to quote the terms of the invita-"in honour of our general manager-Mr. Francisco Tse-yat-on the occasion of his boing decorated by His Imperial and Royal Majesty Francis Joseph I, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary.

Nearly every one of the Chinese-community connected with the import an i export trade to the Latin countries of Europe was present, in fact, from the list which we publish below it seen that there was scarcely a compradore, including the princely houses and the banks, who did not attend at the "At home" which was given yesterday to congratulate the quiet, unostentations and well-liked member of the firm of Wing Kee and Company.

Standing at the top of the stairway and ushered b Chinese gentlemen, Mr. Francisco Tre-yat received his guests and friends. They comprised all nationalities-British, Norwegian, French, German, Italian and others, That in itself was a testimony to the regard in which the doyen of the occasion was appre-

Most of the Europeans present wanted to make speeches and one gentleman in particular made so many addresses on the subject of Mr The vat's decoration that it is entirely probable another decoration will follow.

The first to break the ice was several Gerare expected to patch up their own shattered | maps who gave a good and strong." Hoch" and a few Englishmen followed with the old song -"For he's a jolly good fellow."

Arrivals were continuous and when Ma Ara hoon Seth, Registrar of the Supreme Court, delivered a few remarks, congratulating the recipient on the honour which the Austrian kingdom had thought fit to bestow upon him there was loud and enthusiastic applause. Teh entire difficulty was that the modest recipient was so busily engaged in personally handing out the wine to his friends that he had barely

time to bow his acknowledgments. Then the crackers went off and nobody could hear anybody else's voice. The crowd in the hawker named Yeung Loong, in February last. | street may have wondered or they may have koown; but we understand that they also par-

> The cross, insignia, and parchment of the Order to which Mr. Francisco Tsc-yat has been appointed were displayed on a small table in the room, and naturally they were the cyposure of all eyes. The cross, carried on a red ribbon and surmounted by the imperial Crown of Austria, bore the initials "F. J.", on the obverse side. On the reverse, a pair of hands across the ses, were clasped; Although not an merits of a simple trader.

The parchment, which, of course, was in 'to their lights; are encouraging the Chinese to His Imperial and Royal Apostolic Ma- an excisable commodity, should also not con-

above mentioned Service Cross.

that we also accord him our congratulations! Town immense adventure

Vienns, 24th November, 1907.

Among those present twees .- Messrs, E. Raiphs, T. K. Dealy, E. A. G. May, R. R. Roberts, G. M. Smith, T. G. Weall, A. O. Levy, J. W. C. Bonnst, C. Piper, G. Wieler, Block, Rowoldt, A. Ohme: E. Luchring, F. M. la Rocha, A. Maher, R. Leuz, A. A. dos Remedios, R. Sutherland, Menzonthio, G. Priodemann, C. G. Gok, G. Boolsen,

Buderson, W. Pringle, W. Burgess, Bunge, E. Bunge, C. Bunge, R. Knox, J. Leiria, R. Laurenz, Figueiredo, G. Marcinaro, Harms, V. C. da Rochs, H. Disibrooch C. A. H. Westerburger, D. P. I. Lopes H. A. Siebs, F. J. V. Jorge, Frank J. V. Jorge F. O. Musso, L. Musso, J. A. Basto, B. S. F. Basto, H. M. Basto, F. D. Barretto, O. W. Barretto, P. M. N. da Silva; Chief Detective Inspector Hanson, Sergeant Territt, E. H. Hinds, H. M. Tibley, J. Leiria, Moffatt, E. Hayuard A. M. Barradas, W. E. Clarke, J. Arnuld Mr. Mackie, Mr. L. Winkler, Mr. F. Silva, Mr. Figueiredo, A. Sath, S. A. Seth, A. V. Apcat, T. M. Gregory, Capt. Douglas. Capt. Mercedes, J.

Taotal Wen, foreign secretary to the Provincial Government at Canton, sent an excep tionally bearty telegram congratulating Mr Francisco Tso-yat on his decoration. Mr. Wei Han, director of the Kowloon Canton Railway, regretted that he was unable to be present at yesterday's function, and other telegrams in similar terms were displayed. It should be stated that the premises of

Kew, Dr. Justi, Z. Volpicelli, J. Bribosia.

Mesers. Wing Kee and Company were elaborately decorated, that fireworks were the order of the day, and that the congratulations of both the foreign and Chinese communities were unalloyed and unstinted.

The Japanese steamer Kalfuku Maru, which ran ashore at One Tree Island on Youday night, was refloated yesterday and is to docked at Tanjong Pagar for examination, says the Singapore Free Press of 6th inst. She was on a voyage from Rangoon to Yokohama with a cargo of rice.

The steamer was floated off at midnight, on the 4th after discharging about 270 lons of cargo into lighters." Some plates are bent about the forepeak but, reports Captain Sude, the ship is no

leaking. The Kalfuku Maru is a ship of 1,093 tons owned by K. Tomekura, The consigners are the M. B. K. She is now at the wharf.

OPIUM CONFERENCE AT PENANG

A Perak journal, in a reference to the forthcoming anti-opium conference at Penans makes the remark that "all who have the welfare of the large Chinese communities a heart, would be very pleased indeed to know that so questionable a method of raising revenue as is the case in respect of the Opium and Gambling Farms is to be abolished as speedily as possible in the Straits and F.M.S. and be replaced by a new system whereby Government would exercise full control over the use of the pernicious drug, whilst substituting for the gambling farm revenue other means of supplying the needs of the public service The only point that calls for any remark in that sentence, says the Singapore Free. Press in a leading article, is the expression that the Government should itself control the use of opium, and should look to some other source of revenue to supply the place of that of the gaming farms. It is the phrase "other source of revenue" in its general application that invites remark. It is to be observed that all excise revenues are ideal in this respect, that their incidence on the population at large is altogether optional. And a man may determine for himself whether he may pay an excise tax or no by the simple process of consuming or refraining from consuming a specific excitable commodity. The theory that any Government goes on in fixing a rate of taxation on. articles of excise is that a sufficient proportion if carried. of the population will consume such articles. and that to a sufficient degree to return an estimated revenue. Any increase of consump. had on application. tion of a particular commodity subject to excise—the rest of the Budget being assumed to be stable, and there being an assumed equilibrium between revenue and expenditurewould warrant a reduction in the rate of excise tax upon that article. Any decrease of consump-I tion would warrant a rise in the tax on that' article, and if that decrease were so great as seriously to disturb the fiscal equilibrium, a new channel of revenue would have to be discovered There are certain taxes that affect certain limited classes. For instance the British working man does not pay anything on armorial bearings, nor on man servants, nor, except sarely on sparkling wines. If we leave Britain with its more or less racially homogeneous population and come to our own Colony with its well demarcated races; the distribution of .taxation should thereby be really rendered simpler: Numerically the majority of the population is Chinese and Chinese alien at that. Now thanks to the diversity of tastes of the different races we find that in the consumption of one excisable commodity the Chinese have a practical monopoly. The opium revenue is provided by, the Chinese alone, leaving out of account the small medicinal consumption of opium preparations through the regular dispensing chemists for European or other patients. The Europeans in the Colony pay excise taxation on spirits, and beers, and a certain number of the native. population also contribute to the liquor excise taxation, "It will be plain that if the opium revenue is diminished that would mean that the majority of the population, the Chinese, were ceasing to pay their estimated share of the revenue. It would clearly become the duty of the Government, through some readjustment | early hour, six o'clock to be exact, a Chinese of taxation, to secure from that puticular section of the population, the proportion of feveral that had failed to be derived from opium. would be quite ridiculously inequitable that any general abstention from the consumption of signifying our old Anglo-Saxon idea of hands anexcisable commodity on the part of one section of the population should be made to throw an cided to assist her in catching that "fish." That | ornate decoration, it is undoubtedly one worthy | additional burden upon another section who were her more experienced sis'ers were true to their of the great Empire which has recognised the strings, citorevenue, Thosothen who, rightly, according Aberdeen Street, after a five minutes race, the revealing the corpse of a female infant. He

THE HONGKUNG AND KOWLOON WHARFAND GODOWN CO., LD.

Annual Meeting.

pase of receiving the report of the directors and Keswick (chairman b) Directors), presided, Corquodale and J. Rodger, There were also present - The Hon. Sin Paul Chater, Messrs, G. Friesland, A. Fuchs, E. Shellim, A. S. D. Cousland, G. H. Medhurst, C. S. Gubbay, (Directors), the Hon. Mr. E. Osborne (Secretary), Messrs. H. W. Looker, T. F. Hough, W. E. Clarke, Frank Smyth, Henry: Humphreys, E. S. Kadoorie, W. H. Wickham, Ellis and Capt, Brown, . The Secretary read the report convening the

The Chairman said:—Gentle ep.—With

your permission I propose to take the report and accounts as read. From the accounts presented you will learn that there was a larger nearly \$20,00 .. This was caused by delay in decrease in our profits last year, but in view of the first instance, owing to a scarcity of labour, the very adverse conditions of trade during and secondly, by difficulties arising in getting that year, and in view of the crippling effect of the 1956 typhoon, nothing else could have been | tracted for. Consequently, heavy claims; were expected. The report shows in detail the different items of expenditure involved by that typhoon; you will recognise, however, that though the total outlay is large, it cannot be usual work offering, both in the harbour and regarded as representing an entire loss for the on shore, but on account of the very keen reason that the major portion has been spent in | competition met with, the margin of profit has giving us new wharves, new lighters, and im- to be cut very fine. The plant, machinery and proved godowns in place of partially worn and | building have been kept in a fairly good state therefore less valuable assets, In view of this of repair. Owing to the long and still existing expenditure and the future outlay which has depression in the land and property market, still to be met, your directors cannot recom- | we have been unable to sell, lease or let mend the payment, of a larger final dividend any portion, of our property, therefore than 3 per cent, making a total of 7 per cent. | we are still heavily handicapped in for the year. "This is a time for husbanding having to pay interest on the mortgage, our resources especially as we may shortly expect further competition and we must be, as we' are, prepared to meet it. From its very beginning our Company has had severe competition so face, has met it and overcome it, and when you consider that our clients are also to a large extent shareholders you may look forward with equanimity to the future. We shall undoubtedly have hard times, but our business is on sound lines and with the improvement and increase of the trade of Hongkong, which a bound to come; we may reasonably look for more prosperous results, The completion of the Canton-Kowloon Railway will be of in. terest to us, chiefly as a link to the future Hankow-Canton fines; your directors have discussed with the Government the preliminaries for establishing sidings into our property, and it is inconceivable that the Colonial Rail way paid for by Hongkong ratepayers will not afford every facility to the Bongkong-owned what enterprise. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I will be pleased to enswer any questions you may wish to put.

There were no questions. Mr. Hough, in seconding, said: 1 rise to second the ad prior of the report and accounts. After the explicit manner in which they have been dealt with and the remarks from our Chairman, nothing I can say about them would the necessary. I think we can place every confidence, as in the past, in the hands of our directorate. With those few remarks, I beg to. second the adoption of the report and accounts.The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Clarke, moved the re-election of Mr. G. H. Medhurst and Mr. C. R. Leuzmann as

. Mr., Humphreys seconded,

. Mr. Smyth moved that the appointment of Hon. Mr. H. Keswick, Messrs, G. Friesland A. Fachs, E. Shellim, and A. Cousland as directors be confirmed.

Mr. Kadoorie seconded.

Agreed. Mr. Wickham moved, and Mr. Ellis seconded that Messrs, W. H. Potts and A. OD. Gourdin. be re-appointed auditors, and the motion was

The Chairman : That finishes the business of the meeting. Dividend warrants may be

COLLAPSE AT WEST POINT.

SEVERELY NARROW ESCAPES.

All salvage work in connection with the fire which gutted five godowns-Nos. 370 to 378. Des. Vœux Road West-and partly destroyed No. 368, on Thursday night last, has had to be discontinued, owing to the fact that one half of the fire swept-walls collapsed their final attempt to extinguish the late fire | her skill speaks much for the good work done which is still smouldering. There were several | by those to whom the management and care of hair breadth escapes. One man was hurt by the the children are entiusted. falling mortar, not so seriously, however, as to necessitate his fremoval to hospital. The collapse weakened the walls of the adjoining houses somewhat and the tenants were ordered to vacate them immediately. The lane at the back of these buildings-Sai Yun Lane-is entirely blocked with the debris. Work o removing the rubbish was begun late yesterday afternoon. Firemen are still watching the

A REMARKABLE GAPTURE.

buildings in case of emergency. .

clever Lukong and a foolish thief

rathainst. A somewhat remarkable capture was effected in the Central district this morning. At an policeman standing on the sidewalk in Ousen's Road saw a coolie disappearing into a side lane, carrying two pairs of English shoes and a pair of boots. The lukong gave chase and caught up with the coolie in the lane. Then he made a violent attempt to grab him by the lukong touched the defendant and pointed at queue, but the coolie swerved to one side the bundle, at the same time calling upon him and darted up the lane, with the lukong in bot to open it? Defendant had no other alternative coolie dropped the shoes and ran into a house, German, was translated, in the following abstain from contribution to revenue by the locking the door behind him. The constable simple process of refraining from consuming | walted outside the building for a while. He next paid a visit to the back yard, believing that his jesty Franz Joseph I, Emperor of Austria, iceal the fact that new taxation upon the section | man would choose that way to escape, but with King of Bohemia and Apostolic: King of of the population alone responsible for revenue in results. Picking up the shoes somewhat dis-Hungary has with highest pleasure, on shortage will be imposed to meet that shortage appointingly, but fully convinced that he was not 22nd November, 1907, decided to give in full. According to those interested in the yetbeaten, the suitong made for headquarters and to the Chinese merchant in Hongkong against the use of opium, the relin- reported to Inspector Ritchie, who ordered him -Mr. Francisco Tse-yet-the Order of the | muishment of that habit will-leave the Chinese | back to the house to watch. The lukong hid him-Golden Service Cross with Crown. The community the healthler and the wealthier, self behilled a door at the entrance to one of the Chancellerie of the Imperial Austrian Francischest greater ability to bear some substitute | houses on the opposite side of the road. He Joseph Orders' present consequently the Jaxation for that no longer paid by the Chinere | was there, for about an hour when he saw the abstainers will be carefully noted by the coolie open the door and look up and down. Government, which may be accounted quite the street. The coast was clear, he thought, and From Chancellerie of Imperial fintelligent enough to place the needful fresh he left his refuge. He was pounced upon before Austrian Franz Joseph Order, Ataxation upon the right shoulders, and upon he had gone many yards. After much harangur, (Sd.), EDUARD F. V. BAYER, poother. The Government has only to con- ling he told how he came in possession of the Although the function was only supposed to sult its gwa Land Office records and the boots. He saw a glass case banging on the Court wanted the months of the Municipalities within the wall outside 144. Queen's Road, he said ascertain cause of death, as the last of the guests had dispersed. Mr. the Colony to know where lies the ownership coptaining many pairs of boots. As he wanted until to day at the last of the guests had dispersed. Mr. the Colony to know where lies the ownership coptaining many pairs of boots. As he wanted tremsnowd until to day at the last of the guests had dispersed. Mr. ferred upon the community to which we belong, change her mind whenever, she liked. He Franciso Tse-yat has great reason to be proud of properly read the which the which they money he smashed the case and took the shoes.

We wish to emphasize the fact that ever tadvised the accused to return the money if she of the esteem and regard in which he is keld properly represent that been largely transport. Change Wong, who bas there

GED, PRAWICK & CO. LL

ANNUAL MERTING. The nineteenth ordinary, general meeting of shareholders of Geo! Fenwick & Co. Ld. was The twenty-first, ordinary annual meeting of | held in the Hongkong Hotel at noon last Saturshareholders of the Hongkong and Kowloon day, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Wharf and Godown Co., Ld., was held in the directors, and electing, director and auditor. City Hall, last Saturday afternoon, for the pur- Mr. A. Rodger occupied the chair. Others present were :-- Messis. G. K. Haxton (directhe statement of accounts for the year ending, tor); John L Andrew (general manager), W. 31st December, 1907; The Hon. Mr. Henry, Parlane, H. Percy Smith, J. Forbes, J. Mc.

The notice calling the meeting was read by the General Manager, Parising 4.5

The Chairman said :-- Gentlemen The re-

port and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will, with your permission, adopt the usual custom and take them as read, Your directors regret exceedingly that the result of the year's working thinder review, has proved so unsattstactory and unremunerative. We had anticipated a profitton two large stern wheel steamers which we built Unfortunately, we were very much disappointed in this respect, as the result showed a loss of these vessels to come up to the speed conmade for demurrage and further expense was incurred in making the pecessary alterations. I am glad to say that we get a fair share of the Crown-rent and taxes, and receiving no revenue in return, but we can only hope that this depression may shortly vanish, and a briskness in business take its place. In consequence of his retirement from the East, we reluctantly part with Mr. Parlane, who has served faithfully on this Board for about 17 years, and I am sure we all wish him every happiness and success in the future. (Applause). I may mention that in view of the unsatisfactory result of the year, the directors have waived their usual fees. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question relating to the business before the meeting.

There were no questions asked. The Chairman proposed the adoption o the report and accounts.

Mr. McCorquodale seconded.

Catried. Mr. G. K. Haxton was re-elected to the directorate on the motion of Mr. Parlane, seconded by Mr. Forbes.

Mr. J. Rodger proposed that Mr. H. Percy Smith he re-elected the 'company's auditor for ' the coming year. Mr. McCorquodale seconded.

Agreed

The Chairman-Gentlemen, that is all the business before the meeting. I thank you for your attendance. I I am sorry that I cannot say there will be dividend warrants. That concluded the meeting.

CONCERT AT ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

On Saturday night last, at the above Hall, a grand orchestral concert was given in aid of the ! Blind Home" at Kowloon by the Band of 8.M.S. Fuerst Bismarck, the German flagship, in the presence of a large and appreciative audience. This was composed mostly of members of the German community. The concert was further honoured by the presence of H.R. Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.C. who was accompanied by Captain Taylor, A.D.C., Mr. A. J Brackenbury, private secretary, and party. The following was the programme -

r .- Introduction to the 3rd Act of the Opera 3.-Hinngarian dances No. 5 and 6 Brahma, 4.—(a) String quartette" Love's dream after the Ball "........ Cribulka.

(b) Intermesso..... Cavalleria Rusticaça -Songs by the children of the Blind Home tille Nacht ".....German Christmas-song.

....by Mr. Alexander. 7.—Pilgrim's Chorus and Song to the Evening star 2,-110ffmann's Tales ...

-Schatzwalzer from the Oporette
Der ZigeunerbaronStrama:
God Save the King. 'As will be noticed part of the programme consisted of songs by the children of the "Blind Home." One of the girls played the harmonium while the others sang. They all kept very good early-yesterday morning. At the time of the time throughout. One of the children could collapse several firemen, were at engaged in I not have been more than four years of age, and

> DUMPING A DEAD BODY: AN EXPENSIVE PRACTICE.

How Li Lo, a dust cart coolie, residing at 19, Lo Leung Hang, attempted to bamboorle a lukong at Hunghom last Thursday morning in his efforts to get rid of a dead body, was described to Mr. Hazeland in the Police Court, yesterday morning. At about half-past seven o'clock that morning the luking was patrolling along the waterfront at Hunghom when he saw defendant wheeling a dust cart in his direction. When he got to a certain spot defendant stopped, the cart' and started to shovel out the rubbish. Out of curiosity the lukong approached the cart, mainly to inspect operations, and on getting within a few feat he noticed a bundle fall from the cart. His suspicions were immediately aroused, for was it not about a week ago that the remains of a child; who had died from small pox, was found by the police on this same spot? The was then arrested on a charge of "removing for burial a dead body without a permit.

Defendant denied the charge. He stated that he found the bundle in the cart and he believed it was dumped there by some person.

Sergeant Watt. of Hunghom Police, Statlon. said that a few days before a corpse was found on this very spot, and he thought defendant had placed it there I The Court asked what was the cause of

Sergeant Watt said small-pox.

The Court-And in this case? The Sergeant did not know. The monuary certificate had not arrived ... He did not think however, that death was due to moy, infectious disease as the body was tinite clean.

The Court wanted the mortuary certificate to ascertain cause of death, and the case was This morning, it was stated that the child had

died from malarial fever. The Court said that Hougkong, It is almost unnecessary to say here under the protection of our flag to their given six months hard labour at the Police and ordered him to pay a tipe of \$200, or go that we also accord him our congretulations. Town immense adventage.

Chamber of Commerce Election.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VACANCY.

MR. MURRAY STEWART NOMINATED.

A special meeting of the members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce was held this afternoon, to nominate a member to fill the place of the Hon, Mr. E. A. Hewett during six months! leave of absence granted to him by His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon, Mr. cleury Keswick occupied the chair, and there were present :- Messrs. D. R. Law, G. H. Medhurst, A. Fuchs, H. E. Tomkins, G. Friesland, E. Shellim (Committee), R. A. M. Williams (Secretary), Messrs, H., E. R. Hunter, G. C. Mozon, E. H. Hinds, J. W. C. Bonnar, Ho Fook, Murray Stewart, H. W. Looker, A. S. D. Cousland, H. P. White, D. W. Craddock, J. S. Gubbay, A. Beattie and W. E. Clarke.

The Secretary read the notice convening the

The Chairman read the letter from the Colonial Secretary inviting the Chamber to nominate a member to replace Mr. Hewett. He said that, on receipt of that letter, a meeting of the Committee was held and it was decided to call a general meeting of, members. There was only one nomination sent in and that was in favour of Mr. Murray Stewart, proposed by himself and acconded by Mr. D. R. Law. In putting forward Mr. Murray Stewart as the representative of the Chamber of Commerce for H. E. the Governor's approval it was unnecessary for him to make a long speech. Mr. Stewart was better known to the members than to himself, and he felt sure they would unanimously approve his election. In Mr. Murray Stewart they would have a representative who would bring to bear great industry in the discharge of his duties and would command great respect. He would give expression to their needs absolutely fearlessly and without seeking favour. Mr. D. R. Law had great pleasure in second-

ing the Chairman's motion. The Chairman then invited Mr. Murray Stewart to address the meeting.

MR. MURRAY STEWART'S PRO-GRAMME.

Mr. Murray Stewart, who on rising was received with loud applause, said :-- In accepting the invitation of the Committee to stand for election to-day, . I did not lightly estimate the responsibility attaching to the temporary occupation of the seat on the Legislative Council. That responsibility assumes, in my eyes, a double aspect. It involves exposition of the views of the Chamber on purely commercial matters, as these are to be found focussed at the deliberations 'of the Committee. It also involves the attentive consideration of all legislative proposals affecting in any way the interests of the community as a whole. You want, I take it, a delegate, but not a mere delegate. You distinguish him from that by the title of representative. From the fact that your Committee put no questions regarding my views on current topics, I gather that they, and I hope that you, believe in having a free and not a fettered man in-the-position. The Committee assumed that I understood, and would be prepared to perform, the duties of the Chamber's delegate. For the rest, presumably, they had confidence that I would carefully fulfil the functions of a critic. (Applause.) It is no blind confidence that they thus repose. I do not hide my opinions. They know my views on many matters and can judge fairly well what my attitude would be on most others. They know, broadly, the lines that I am likely to take up.

Some of you may not. Some-of you may want to know. Clearly every member has a right to know. Home folk are con- business he had remarked to the deceased that veniently ticketed-Tory, Liberal, Socialist. as it was only a short distance to the office they Here, unless: you happen to know a man, should walk across. When opposite the Shangit is perhaps not so easy to estimate his opinions. I will risk an attempt to indicate my you are a sort of a whirlwind. How far is it to attitude in a sentence. My mind derives its bias; in local questions involving political considerations, from reflections arising out of the unique situation occupied by this Colony, I am biassed, "There's nothing wrong with your heart, for instance, in favour of maintaining the und . vided authority of the Crown over our Municipal. affairs. I claim to have an open 'mind on many topics, but as regards that I have a settled conviction. It has always appeared to me that the special circumstances of our environment supply quite a number of good and sufficient reasons against instituting experiments in the "methods of popular government. On the other hand, an older faith in the democratic principles which I believe to be inapplicable here, keeps me very much alive to the value of enlightened criticism of the official acts of public

men, and I sympathise with those who deplore the lack of it. There is no lack of other kinds of criticism. Criticism based upon insufficient knowledge of ascertainable facts is not uncommon. And unfortunately we are only too familiar with unfairness in attacks upon our Public Servants. With all this we could beneficially dispense. But we all need and we should all want criticism having truth for its objective and urbanity for its note, and unless I am much mistaken the responsible officials of the Government at al times welcome it. As far as can be foreseen at present the probability is that, during the period of Mr. Hewett's absence, opportunities for criticism will chiefly occur in connection with the passage of the Bill at present before the Council, Though, as I indicated, I find myself in sympathy with the main principles, that Bill, I shall support whatever amendments appear to me to be necessary in order to render effective those recommendations of the Sanitary Commission of which, after hearing them debated, I approve.

mission as, in many respects; most valuable, especially in respect of the check administered those (if there are any) who imagine that the Sanitary Department in this, or any other town, is insusceptible of improvement I shall support, whenever possible, the views o the unofficial members of the Sanitary Board, but beyond this I shall hope that when the present Bill is passed it may be the last of its kind if the holders sell them to the subjects of any to the public in some other manner. for many a day. It seems to me that our main | foreign countries. concern with Sanitary and Building Ordinances, at the present time, is to get a rest from now ones. I conceive it to be the case that harm to, the prosperity of the Colony arises out of uncertainty as to the con- Empire.

ditions under which property is held. Our best hope is that when the present Bill becomes this country. law it will supply this need. . I have thus light- ! ly touched upon the only question which can invested in this bank. be said to burn at the moment." On the principle of not crossing bridges until you come to them, I omit mention of others which 8 .- In case of monetary crisis in any Pro-

may possibly crop up. "Should difficult vince, the Directors of the Bank are at liberty questions arise; I shall devote myself to the to memorialize the Board of Finance for asstudy of them. (In the results; I am not so inexperienced as to suppose that I can please dverybody, I should have to be several sorts of the Board of Finance. different, kinds of men, to do that. I do not | 10.-The term of franchise granted to this | 16.-If the lottery tickets should be so west aspire to fulfit the hopes of each of the Bank of the Chinese Government is thrity waveral parties in our little State, but if you years, The term may be extended by permis-

plect me I deressy I shall not disappoint sion of the Board T. Times.

them all, I can promise you that in any criticism of the constituted authority, which I may bar called upon to make, I shall. try to avoid rancour, and that, at the same time, it will be, my, endeavour to maintain an attitude of outspoken independence (applause). When the Government appear to me to wrong I shall say so, and when I think they are right I shall also say so. This latter perhaps requires the greater courage

the two. In any case, if you elect shall draw courage from your confidence and a double supply on occasions can ascertain that not only does the collective wisdom of your Committee endorse the views I advocate, but when I can believe that the members also agree, when can feel that I have the most influential association in the Colony in a solid body at my back. Up to now I have not asked any member his vote. I made up my mind that even if opposed I would not canvas. This resolve was not the outcome of false pride. It was due to a desire to do as I would be done I prefer to attend an election with my mind open and my will free. I like to preserve my liberty of choice up to the last moment of the time appointed. Now that time has come, and now, gentlemen, I make bold to ask you, one and all, for your votes. (Appinusc.)

The Chairman then put the motion to the meeting which was unanimously carried with

This concluded the business.

THE LATE CAPT. HATHAWAY. TERRIBLY SUDDEN DEATH IN SHANGHAL.

Death," save by the bullet or the sword, has seldom struck with such terrible suddenness in Shanghai as he did in the Pacific Mail office yesterday morning, when a splendid, vigorous. man, in the pride and prime of life, namely, Robert H. Hathaway, Commander of the P. M. steamship Mongolia, who had just come ashore from his vessel in company with Mr. B. G. Holt, the P. M. agent, dropped, a lifeless corpse, on the office floor, just as he was in the very

act of greeting a friend, reports the Shanghai Tires of 11th inst. The terrible occurrence created a profound impression in town when it became known: Captain Hathaway had many friends and acquaintances here, although we believe it is a | companies which are members of this Associafact that he had never set foot in Shanghai-be- tion. Full particulars are given below. The fore during all the time he had been on the run, and a sentiment of grief and horror was widely produced when the unspeakably sad that the gentry and merchants will appreciate tidings were spread abroad.

us, so that the trade in Japanese yarn ma To say that Mr. Holt and those who witness. advance by leaps and bounds, and then this ed the tragedy were horrified at what they saw. is to state the case mildly. They did what they could to help him, but it is almost certain that the unfortunate man was already dend when he reached the ground. They summoned Dr. C. E. Goode, who had the body removed to the Municipal Mortuary, where it will be embalmed in preparation for taking it home to-

CONSULAR INQUIRY:

At the American Consulate-General vesterday afternoon, the-Hon. Ch. Denby, Consul-General, opened an official inquiry into the circumstances connect with the sad occurrence. Dr. Goode made an affidavit to the effect that he had 'examined the body of, R. H. Hathaway within a few minutes of his death, and was satisfied to the best of his knowledge-that death was attributable to natural causes and not to violence. He had made a posimoriem examination of the body and found death to be due to heart disease of long standing. B. G. Holt; agent of the Pacific Mail Steam-

ship Co., sworp, said that on his recent trip to Japan on the Mongolia he had extended an invitation to Captain Hathaway to come to Shanghai on his homeward trip and have tiffin with him. He had gone to the tender at the Customs jetty about cleven o'clock and there met Captain Hathaway. After the usual routine hai Club the Captain said, "Look here, Holt, the office?" Witness replied, "You can see the flag right-there. It isn't far." The Captain "All right," and witness remarked, hope." The deceased laughed, and stood for two or three minutes looking at the street cars They then welked across to the office, and the deceased had stood at the outer counter, passing greetings with members of the staff, - shortly thereafter witness asked him to come inside and take a chair, and he then noticed that the deceased took off his hat, resting his head in his hand. Having seen him do this before, he thought nothing about it, but almost instantly thereafter Captain Hathaway sank to th floor and seemed to be in considerable pain. Both Mr. Silverstone and witness loosened-his-clothing, and the latter went to Mactavish and Lehmann's to get medical aid. Dr. Goode was telephoned for, while witness got a glass of stimulant and returned, but as soon as he arrived he saw that the Captain was dead. Dr. Goode arrived, shortly thereafter and

pronounced life to be extinct. Captain Hathaway was only 45 years of age, and to all appearance had still a long and honoured life before him.

In consequence of this terrible occurrence the departure of the Mongolia has been delayed for twenty-f ur hours and Mr. W. H. Fisher. chief officer, will assume command when the boat leaves at five o'clock this afternoon.

NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA.

NEW REGULATIONS. The Nationall Bank of China has issued the following regulations concerning extension of

I regard the colossal work done by that Com- its trade; ... The capital of this bank will be increased from Tls. 5,000,000 to Tls. 10,000,000, which to corrupting influences, and I am not one of sum will be divided into 100,000 shares; of Tis.

> holders of this bank. 3.—The shares are only transferable among 12.—After the drawing the winning humbers

> Peking with branches and agencies at the at Shanghai; the 5th prizes and those under various Treaty Ports and big and important can be obtained at the following places:-

5.—The bank is the National Bank of China, great need is for a sound law, honest- but it will transact all descriptions of banking and its agencies are at liberty to give prizes ly administered over a long period, and our business in the same way as foreign banks in

6.-The power of issuing notes will only be

7.—The bank may perform all financial affairs for the Imperial Government of Chine.

The Yarn Trade. and the grancies.

JAPANESE COMPETITION: ENCOURAGEMENT TO CHINESE DEALERS.

The prospectus of a lettery has been issued by the Japan Cotton Spinners Association for the encouragement of purchases of cotton yard manufactured in Japan. The prospectus, which is printed in Chinese has been widely circulated to all native dealers in yarn in the Colony. A copy has reached us. In view of the farreaching effects which the japanese scheme might have on an important branch of trade in-Hongkong, we have obtained a literal translation of the document by a competent Chinese scholar. In our editorial columns will be found some comments on this new method. employed by the Japanese to compete with foreign merchants and traders. The translation,

The various cotton spinning and weaving companies in Japan which are members of this Association have during recent years made remarkable progress, and introduced reforms day by day. They have selected the finest quality of raw materials, and adopted the best and most perfect spinning appliances. Indeed they have made everything perfect and excellent. Hence the quality of their yarn has improved day by day. Their reputation has now been known throughout China and foreign countries, and their yarn, has found a market all over the globe. This Association feels greatly honoured thereby. Twenty-six years have now elapsed since this Association was formed, and during all that time, it has done its utmost to promote the welfare of the various cotton spinning and weaving companies. Thanks are due to the patronising gentry and merchants whose appreciation has brought about the prosperity which prevails to-day. Not only will this be a source of glory to this Association, but the various cotton spinning, and weaving companies which are members of the

Association also share in the gratification. Since our customers have all along been good enough to bestow their patronage on us, how date we make no attempt to requite their kind-Therefore this Association proposes to issue lottery tickets in kind in connection with the yarn of various grades manufactured by the various cotton spinning and weaving object of this association is not to make money but to expand the trade. It is earnestly hoped our intention, and increase their patronage to

Association will ever feel glorified: Notice issued by the Japan Cotton Spinning and Weaving Association, Osaka, Japan. Distributing office of the association at No. Foochow Road, Shanghai.

å gencies :— 🤺 🤏 Tsingtau Mitsu Pussan Kaisha. TientsinAugust Michels. Hankow Japan Cotton Trading Co., Newchwang... Mitsu Bussan Kaisha. Chefoo Mitsu Bussan Kaisha.

Fusan Seoul Mitsu Bussan Kaisha. Hongkong ... Mitsu Bussan Kaisha. Pingyang

Regulations governing lottery tickets in kind o be issued by the Japan Cotton Spinning and

.Weaving Association. 1.—Commencing from the 1st day of the 3rd moon of the 41st year of Ming-chi corresponding to the 29th day of the 1st moon of the 34th year of Kwongsu (1st March 1908) every bale of our yarn whether of 20 spinnings or under 20 spinnings will, when exported to any port, conthin a lottery ticket in kind, 40 bundles being taken as a bale as in the case of foreign yarn (Japanese yarn being packed in bales of 20

bundles each). 2.-Upon the exportation of yarn containing such lottery tickets, the spinnings, the number of bales and bundles, the name of the vessel and the port of destination will be furnished to this Association for the purpose of registration. 3.-Every bundle of yarn of any grade exported by the members of this Association will contain one part of a lottery ticket in

4.-All matters connected with the lottery tickets in 'kind will be attended' to by the Association's distributing office at No. 5 Foochow'Road, Shanghai.

5.-Lottery tickets in kind will accompany each lot of varn exported inasmuch as they will be found inside the bundles. All ship ping documents granted by the steamer will be handed to this Association, which will forward same to the distributing office or agents. for transmission to the rightful owners. If in any port where lotteries are illegal

this Association will think of other means to 6.-Each ticket shall be divided into forty

7-The numbers of the lottery tickets wil be recognised. Residents in Japan will not be entitled to purchase them. 8.-At each drawing there will be given

prizes as follows :--ist prize-80 hales 16s. Japanese yarn worth Y10,000. 2 2nd prizes. Each 24 bales 16s, Jap. yarn worth Y 1,000.

10 3rd prizes. Each 4 bales 16s. Lap. yarn worth Y cop. 30 4th prizes. Each t bale 16s: Jap. yarn 100 5th prizes. Each i bale 16s. Jap. yarn

1,900 6th prizes. Each 4 bundles 16s, Jap yarn worth Y'o. 7th prizes. Holders of tickets for these prizes

will receive sets of pictorial postcards. o.—There will be a drawing once every two months; the date shall be fixed within two months from the date of issue of the tickets to draw the lottery in Shanghai. 10.-As soon as the place and date of draw-

ing are fixed, notice will be given to the public. II .- The lottery will be drawn in the same 2.—The Board of Finances will see that no | way as the letteries in Formosa and machines foreign subjects are permitted to become share- | similar to those in Formosa have been acquired which are above board.

the Chinese people, and they will be cancelled will be published in the newspapers or notified 13,-Ail prizes above the 5th prizes can be

4.-The head office will be established at obtained by applying to the distributing offices business centres throughout the Chinese Tientsin, Hongkong, Newchwang, Chefoo; Teingtau, Hankow, Ceoul, Fusan, Pingyang.

winning tickets 15 days after the winning num bers are published. ... Holders of winning tickets can obtain their

prizes through the Post Office, but they must pay all charges. Tt.-Holders of winning tickets must claim their prizes within one year from date: of pub-9.—The Bank is placed under the control of | forfest their right thereto and the tickets will; be considered pull and void.

faced as to render them unrecognisable, or say of the important parts obliterated or torn; they will be considered as waste paper.

17.-Forms of these tickets will be open THE CHARGE ACAINST A BAN. to public inspection at the distributing office

These regulations shall come into force from the istiday of the grd moon of the 41st year of Ming-chi (1st March, 1908), but any yarn which has aiready been imported to any port before that date and remained unsold will be entitled:

to lottery tickets. Every bale of yarn exported during the 3rd and 4th moons by the members of this Association will contain two sets of regulations relating to the lottery tickets.

COMMENTS IN JAPAN. Mention has already been made in our columns of the Japan Cotton Spinners' Association for the encouragement of the purchaters of Japanese yarn in Shanghai. By this scheme it is proposed that purchasers of Japanese yarn in Shaughai shall be entitled to tickets, according to the amount of their purchases, the possession of which would enable them to participate in a lottery for money prizes. A protest having been made by the Shanghai Consular Body against this lottery, the scheme of the Japan Cotton Spinners' Association has received a check, but, still undaunted, the Spinners have decided to continue the lottery system but to award the prizes in 'yarn instead of money, reports the Japan Chronicle, "The drawings are to take place every second month at Shanghal, and the prizes offered will amount to \$50,000, being divided into 2,243 prizes as follows :- First prize valued.

too fifth prizes at \$50, and 2,100 sixth prizes, value'Sto each. The Osaka branch of the Mitaui Bussan Kaisha is reported to have received a telegram from its Shaughai branch stating that, apart. from the protest of the Consular Body, many of the yarn merchants of Shanghai are strongly. opposed to the introduction of such an element gambling into business methods. The telegiam advised the Spinners' Association to

at \$ 0,000, second \$3,000; ten third prizes. of

\$500, thirty fourth prizes valued at \$100 each;

abandon the scheme altogether. It seems, from the Osaka Mainichi, that the Association anticipated that their scheme might meet with opposition at the hands of the "British Consulate" at Shanghai, if only for the protection of Indian yam! It would have been more charitable if the Association, knowing of the law in England with regard to gambling. had given the British Consulate credit for some conscientions scruples on such a doubtful scheme. The Mainichi goes on to suggest that opposition is also offered because Shanghai yarn will be affected, and the majority of the shareholders of Shanghai Spinning Companies being 'yarn imerchants, their opposition to the scheme is natural. The laces Spinners Association, however, stands of op its de cision, and Mr. Shoji, Secretar to the Associa tion, is leaving Osaka in a few days for Shangbai to see to the issue of the lottery tickets.

The money for this gambling scheme to encourage the sale of Japanese yarn is raised by a fund subscribed among the spinning mills. The agreement is that each spinning mill in the Association which produces coarse yarn vilued at 20's and above shall contribute 50 sen towards the prize fund on each bale produced and 25 sen more on each bale exported. It is proposed that the scheme shall be in force for one year.

CHINA AND MANILA S. S. CO.

ANNUAL REPORT. Messrs. Erich Georg & Co, in their weekly share list, of to-day's (14th inst,) date/ write:-China and Manilas, on the issue of a poor report, have dropped to sellers at 5:2; the report for the year 1907 has been 'issued' and | says that the s.s. Rubi and Zufiro have made that if facilities afforded that film their regular, service between here and Manila very satisfactorily, having run steadily through. money already advanced would be impossible,out the year. The poor result of their working. is entirely due to unusual scarcity of freight loss, the accused decided to continue business and passengers. The profit on working account amounts to \$18,713.33 (against \$74,974.42 improving its position. If this plan proved for 19:6, and \$102,057.9; for 1905), and the successful, accused considered that the bank credit balance of profit and loss account, in- would thereby have some chance of recovering \$8,363.62 (against \$27,365.57 for 1906, including confidence of the bank. Should the plan prove-\$6,563.45 carried torward from 1905), which it is proposed to appropriate by writing \$7,328.13 off value of steamers and buoys and incornegs, pradore. Having this decision in mind, it is leaving a balance of \$1,03549 to be carried forward to credit of this year's accounts, Interest account amounts to \$7,897.66 (agains) \$9,835.03 for 1906). The balance sheet shows as assets: value of steamers Rubi and Zafire \$745 000 (against \$750,000 as per last account), buoys and moorings in Hongkong, Manila and Amoy \$9,600 (against \$7,900 as per last account), value of stores and coal ob hand \$12,154.99 (against.\$7,437.50 as per last report), proportion, of premium, on current policies, \$24,864.03 as per last report), sundry debtors per last report). On the other hand we find now belonging to the company \$160 (same as writing account \$39,332.35 (against \$30,976.29.) (against \$28,235,04 as per last statement), and \$ 32,998.60 as per last repos?).

SHANGHAI OPIOM DENS.

Sir H. Cotton asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether the retention of 1,600,opium dens within the British settlement of Shanghai was entirely dependent, on the annual meeting of ratepayers of the settlement. which would be held in March next; whether the ultimate control over the municipal council and responsibility for the settlement rested with His Majesty's Government, under whose authority alone the settlement had any existence in China; and, if so, whether, having re- ment. gard to the decision of His Majesty's Government to support and encourage the anti- manager of the bank, approved the puropium policy of the Chinese Government; even though it might cost us some sacrifice. His

without delay. & "have been been settlement, which now has an international in the matter

COMPRADORB.

TEXT OF JUDGMENT.

The full text is to hand of the judgment of the Nagoya Appeal Court, delivered on the 26th ultimo, in the appeal of the Procurator from the decision of the Kobe Court acquitting Pan I-chin, formerly compradore of the Kobe branch of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, of a charge of emberriement and fraud. Those of our readers who have followed this case will be aware, that the Procurator appealed from Kobe to the Graka Appeal Court, which reversed the decision of the Kobe Court and sentenced the accused to imprisonment for one 'year, ' Pan I-chin appealed to the Supreme Court, which quashed the Osaka decision and referred the case to the Nagoya Court to borre-tried. There the appeal of the Procurator was dismissed, the judgment delivered at Kobe acquitting the accused being

in giving its reasons for the acquittal the Nagoya Court says :--

The facts of this case as given in the Procurator's official prosecution are that during the time the accused was compradore of the Chartered Bank, Kobe, from May 1902, he committed the following acts :--

(1) Between some time in May and September 4th, 1905, the accused embezzled the sum of Y65,734-28, in several amounts out of the funds placed in his charge."

(2) While compradore of the bank he was doing business with a Chinese firm styled Fu Haing or Hok Hing, with the approval of Mr. John Adamson, manager of the bank. Taking advantage of the similarity in the pronunciation of the trade-name of a friend named Yeh Shao-ling, and further of the fact that Mr. Adamson did not read Chinese characters, the accused contrived a device for defrauding the bank, and caused Yeh Shao-ling to draw three bills for Y10,000, Y15,000, and Y20,000 respectively in the name of Hu Hsing (Ych Shaoling), and presented the same to Mr. Adamson Lon August 1st, and also on August 8th and 12th, 1905, representing them, as being bills drawn by the firm of Fu Hsing (old clients of the bank), thus fraudulently obtaining the sum of Y41,131,25 from the bank on the three cc. casions mentioned. as to the fact of the first charge-embezzle-

ment-the accused alleged that while he was

conducting the business of the bank as compradore, the total amount advanced by him to Chinese firm trading in the name of Kip navigation. Tong lang reached about Y100,000, whereupon Mr. Adamson, manager of the bank, ordered him to cease business with the Chinese firm in question. As there is no evidence to contradict this, the statement of accused regarding the amount of the money advanced must be regarded as accurate. If it was necessary for the accused to obtain the approval of the manager of the bank for every transaction under taken, as was testified by Mr. Adamson, all the transactions entered into by him with H Tong-fang before he was ordered to ceate doing business with that firm must come within the category of transactions carried out wit the approval of the manager, in which case is is proper to conclude that there was no illegality in his entering into the transactions of which complaint is made. Some time in May 1905 it was known that the firm. Hip Tong-lang was in a critical position, and the accused was ordered by Mr. Adamson to cease doing business with that firm, but, considering suddenly stopped as ordered, recovery of the and that the bank would be involved in heavy with the firm, and assist it with the object of cluding \$365.57 carried forward from 1906, is the money advanced and he would retain the trade between the two countries. Occasional a failure, he would be prepared to make good the money so lost, that being his duly as commaintained by accused, he continued business with Hip Tong-fang contrary to the instructions of Mr. Adamson, at the same time paying inmoney by various other means for making good the loss nustained by the bank. By this procedure on September 4th, 1905, the balance against Hip Tong-fang stood at Y61,213.54 The Court finds some unpropriety (fuonto) in this course of action, but it is clear that by the action of accused the bank was saved from the loss of over Y 100,000. No trace is found that appertaining to 1908 \$22637.14 (against. the accused obtained any iniquitous gain by his action. It is therefore just to conclude \$4,746.37 (against \$36,840.74 as per last report), that the accused acted as he did simply in the outstanding freights for 1906 1907 \$54,156.69 interests of the bank. The testimony of the (against \$44,430.30-as per last-statement), and witness Ran-Tak-ho was to the effect that the cash in hand \$2,243.60 (against \$7,262.93 as bank compradore had authority to carry out transactions between his bank and Chinese the capital \$550,000, calls on shares forfeited, customers at his own discretion, without any interference on the part of the manager, who last reported), reserve fund \$7,000, under- merely, dictated the rate of discount of bills and the maximum amount of the transacas per last report), sundry creditors \$32,661.63 tions to be undertaken each day, but the evidence thus adduced is insufficient to prove \$120,349.32 due to Company's bankers (against that the accused embezzled the bank's funds placed in his charge or had an intention of stealing the money. The statement of the accused in regard to the alleged misappropriation of the sum of ¥4,520.74, that the money in question had been specially held in trust from the time that his father held the office of compradore, and that it ought, not to bave been in the safe of the bank, has to be taken into consideration. If that was so, the money could be used by the accused as he pleased, and that it was used for the relief of Hip Tong-lang is credible. Evidence, is in sufficient to conclude that the appropriation of this money constituted the offence of embezzie-The second charge is that Mr. Adamson,

chase of the dra'ts drawn by Hu Hsing or Yeh Shao-ling, believing them to have Majesty's Government would now take steps, been drawn by Fu Hsing, introduced by before the meeting of ratepayers in March, to the accused as such, and that the accused, ensure that the municipal council at Shanghai after obtaining the approval of the manager, should follow the example of the Chinese au- discounsed the drafts in question and defrayed thorities in the native city of Shanghai and a sum of over Y40,000 for the back's money, close all opium dens in the British settlement these facts being testified to by the statements of Mr. Adamson and of the accused before the Sir E. Grey: The retention of the opium Court. But from the report of the police dens in the settlement is, in the first resort, a official ordered to inquire into the position of matter for the decision of the municipal council, Yeb Shao-ling or Hu-Hsing, it is evident that who are elected by the ratepayers. The ulti- the Chinese firm in question was doing some The distributing office of this Association mate, responsibility for the good order of the business in Kobe, and was possessed of some status, rests not only with His Majesty's Gov- wanting to show that the accused knew, as is 14.—Prizes will be given in exchange for ernment, but with the other Treaty Powers in alleged, that the drafts drawn by Hu Haing China. The council have already been in- were of no more value than wastn piper, or that formed of the desire of His Majesty's Govern- he amployed them as instruments to deceive or ment that the bons fide; efforts, of the Chineso defraud the bank; nor is there any svidence to out steamers of 7,000 or 10,000 tons burthen. authorities to diminish the consumption of indicate that the money so defrayed came into Particulatly amazing is the enormous developium should be encouraged and supported as the hands of accused. At the time when the opment made during the last few years. For far as possible, and the council have decided accused paid out the money, he was on the point instance, in 1000 the number of her population of to refuse applications for new licences. The of making efforts to relieve Hip Tong-lang, engaged in shipping was only 38,000. In 1904 lication of winning numbers, otherwise they council having intimated that they cannot go and so avert the loss of the bank at explained. It had risen to 202,000, Again, in 1901, only 2 deal beyond the refusal of applications for new In the light of this fact, he might have used per cent, of the imports to Japan were carried vis licences without the authority of the ratepayers, the money in question for partially making in Japanese vessels, and only its per cent, loton, His Majnety's Government consider it advis- good the loss incurred by the hank in the her exports were so shipped Two years later. able to await the result of the meeting to be account with Hip Tong lang. Evidence is in 1003. Japanese ships carried 14 per cent. col held next month before taking further action wanting to prove that the accused deliberately ber imports and so per cent, of her exports much deceived Mr. Ademson and fraudulently aby Patt Mott Genete.

tained the money from the bank, by means of drafts drawn by Yeh Shao-ling For the reasons cited, Article 224 of the Code of Criminal Procedure should be applied to the accused; and he must be acquitted. The judgment is signed by Motoki Nacichi.

presiding, and Judges Sawasaki Rainosuke, Hosoye Shuhin, Urabe Shoze, and Furnkawas Goro.-Japan Chronicle.

JAPAN AT SEA.

THE GROWTH OF HER MERCHANT SHIPPING.

To those who have not followed the commercial as well as the belligerent development of Japan in the last few years; Sir Thomas Sutherland's statement made recently at the appual meeting of the P. and O. Company. That the whole of their colonial trade between Bombay and Japan had been wiped out by. their [apanese competitors," must have come as a surprising, if not incredible, fact. But while the rising power and efficiency of the Japanese Imperial Navy have engaged public attention, the concurrent steady growth and enterprise of Japanese merchant shipping have almost, escaped notice."

Along these two different lines of defence and commerce, Japanese power at sea has been developed hand in hand, from the very beginning of the outward movement which Japan began to make when the visit of Commodore. Perry in 1854 broke down her two centuries of isolation.

POLICY OF ISOLATION

had been initiated by the decree of the Shogun lycyasu in 1636 ordering the destruction of the vessels which William Adams, the English sailor shipwrecked there in 1600, had taught the Japanese to build and rig on the European model. The same decree ordered big Japanese junks to be reduced to a third of their size, and only small junks for coasting purposes were permitted to be built in future, so that lacking vessels for deep-sea and long voyages all intercourse with foreign countries was rendered impossible. The end of that era of seclusion in 1844 was marked by the withdrawal of this ancient yeto. and the Shogunate built a vessel-well-named the Phonix-on European lines. From the squat native junk, with its single square sail, Japan passed immediately to the possession, of twin-screw steamships purchased from Europe. Government subsidies to the Kaiso Kaishs, the first Japanese steamship company, enabled the e-tablishment of a regular service between Tokyo and Osaka in 1868. Dockyards were built, and European sailors engaged to teach

JAPAN'S LITTLE WAR with Formosa in 1874 compelled the Government to purchase thirteen steamers from Europe for transport, and when peace was restored the. vessels were atilised to establish a regular service between Japan and Shanghai. In 1876 the Government handed over its twenty steamers to the Mitsubishi Kaisha (Five Diamonds Shipping Company); and by a grant and annual subsidy the company was enabled to buy up the Yokohama-Shanghai service and ships of the Pacific Mail S. S. Company and American business. The Satsuma Rebellion in 1877 again compelled the Government to. purchase more ships from abroad, and when their military use had ended they were added to he Japanese merchant navy. Lighthouses were erected round the coast, harbours constructed and a new shipping company was established by Government aid, .. But in 1885 this company. and the elder Mitsubishi Kaisha were amalgamated into the now well-known Nippon Yusen Kaish's, the premier shipping company of Japan. At the same time a law was made forbidding" the construction - after 1887-0[-any junks of over one hundred tons, so that by this means the clumsy native, boats were doomed to die out, and be replaced by vessels of Buropean build. In 1891 was begun between Bombay and Japan the regular steamship service which has now monopolised the carrying voyages were also made to Hawaii and Australia for the carriage of Japanese coolie emigrants. Again war-

THE CHINO-JAPANESE WAR of 1894-5-stimulated the development of Japan's merchant shipping. Some additional vessels were purchased from abroad, and these, with the country's existing mercantile marine, accomplished the transport of 120,000 fighting; men, with 100,000 porterage coolles and stores, from Japan to the scat of war. In the main these vessels were officered, as well as manned by Japanese, and this exhibition of seamanship by a nation whose only vessel until thirty years before had been the squat square native junk, ranks equal with the courage and fighting ability displayed by the Japanese Imperial Navy at the same time.

-The conclusion of the war and the establishment by Japan of her place among the Great Powers of the World were marked by further developments in her merchant shipping. system of - 100

GENEROUS GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES. was established in 1826 to encourage the building and running of steamships. Larger vessels of the most modern design and serviceable power were built or purchased, and various new, shipping, companies came into existence. Hitherto Japanese shippers had confined their services to the immediate waters of the Far East, to North Chins, to the Yang-trze River, to Manchuria and Vladivostok, and one service. to Bombay. Further extensions followed, and under contract with the Japanese Government. the Nippon-Yusen Kaisha established a regular. fortnightly mail service to Europe, London and Antwerp being the ultimate ports, and calls being made at Hongkong, Singapore, Colombo, Suez, and Marseilles. Another company, the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, maintains a regular line of steamers between Yokohama and San Francisco, and also between Yokoham and South American ports. Another regular Japanese service across the Pacific is between Seattle, in British Columbia, and Yokohama, and a line of

from Yokohama to Brisbane and Sydney. THE ATLANTIC is now, indeed, the only ocean not traversed. by a line of Japanese steamships, and in that respect alone is incomplete the girdle of ships by which Japan has established and now maintains constant communication with every point of the world, from which, until forty years ago. she had religiously secluded herself. In 1870 her entire mercantile marine consisted of only 18,000 tons (gross) of shipping, with marely, sixty-three vessels of European model, and only three of these over one thousand tons. each. To day the Japanese mercantile marine. approaches 1,500,000 lons. " She has 185 private" building yards, with the capacity of turning

Japanese steamers maintains a monthly service

A Day in Canton.

ITS PROPLE AND ITS INDUSTRIES 'A LIVE HIVE OF HUMAN BEES,

No one should spend as long as one year in Hongkong without ever having visited Canton, the great metropolis of South China. trip is inexpensive and easy-easy if one takes a night boat, but delightful if it is made by day through the blue waters and, mountainous islands of the Pacific and then between the wonderfully green shores of the Pearl River some fifty miles up to the city.

Before we even land there is displayed for us in miniature a picture of the teeming, toildriven population of China, in the jam of " shash tengs," clumsy boats with turtleback roofs of bambon—each the home of a poor family—that swarm around steamer, clutching at her sides with their long iron-hooked bamboo poles and yelling for passengers to be ferried ashore. A striking contrast presents itself in Shameen's line of beautiful: banyans, cement walks, flower gardens, and handsome houses on one side of a narrow canal, with the native city stretching a mile down river on the other side, while across the dirty river lies Honam, also commonplace, dingy, and monotonous, with its buildings encroaching on the muddy water. But one must not be hasty in judging the people from the decks of a steamer. We need to make a closer inspection. Like a student taking his first rapid survey of the whole field of a complex science, we might well begin with a ride in a chair through the streets. Do not take a guide if you are so fortunate as to have a riend who knows the city. A guide will enable you to see

THE ACCUSTOMED HISTORIC PLACES, but Canton is by no means great in these things. It is not an ancient ruin, but a very live hive of human bees. The shops are the centres of interest for those who know the cityat least for the writer-not the Temple of the Five Hundred Genii, the Temple of Horrors, the Temple of Medicine, the City of the Dead, the Water Clock, the Five-storey Pagoda. Take an open chair in order to see everything.

The three strong coolies bear you swiftly along through exceedingly parrow streets, thronged with a multitude of yellow faces, and formed by two continuous lines of shop fronts wide open to the street. You can get as you go at least a glimpse of the Chinese in

THEIR EVERYDAY BUSINESS.

And begin to see what sorts of men make up the Chinese world. Of all thousands, by far the majority are those who carn to-day to eat to-morrow. The right of way belongs to the carriers of loads. There is a ceaseless clamour of cries as the coolies swing along through the crowded narrow, slippery ways bearing on shoulder poles all sorts of loads ranging from Mandarins alive and in official dress down to swine dead and dressed for market. Your chair escapes a collision with a heavy bale of merchandise, only to be met by a long timber borne on the shoulder of a coolie. Aimed straight for your head like the spear of Milton's Satan, it swings slowly just in time to miss you, clse were your skull no better than a crushed egg shell. Pairs of coolies bear enormous loads between them crying in a sort of sing song, "Stand aside!" "Yes Yes!" "Stand aside !" "Yes !Yes!" Then you pass a long file of carriers each with a shoulder. load of boxes, bales, baskets, or buckets of muddy river water, the dripping of which keeps the granite-paved alleys always wet and sloppy Each of these burden-bearers, grunting, as he ·hurries along, is thinking intently of his day's work and his day's carnings.

THE THRONG -avoid the thrust of the heavy loads as floating leaves avoid the nose of a boat. Any one has tening faster than the crowd must advance by a jerky series of hurryings forward, stoppings | These things you would do well to see in order | day. The temperature and climate is similar short, dodgings around slower walkers in front and so on. No one can hasten straight ahead As your chair passes another chair, the bearers of the two cry, " Each to the right !"

THE CHINESE LADY. To Now and again we pass a demure Chinese , lady. She scarcely glances at you as the chairs swiftly glide past each other, and her manner so perfectly decorous and her expression so uncommunicative that nothing hints to you of a home with husband and children. Rather she. is a quaint picture from some antique

THE GENTLEMEN. The monotonous blue and black of the crowd is relieved here and there by handsome merchants in long silk "shaams," straight and scant, who are by their walk and air "lords of wealth." as every inhabitant of the Middle Kingdom prays the gods he himself may be Or you see finely dressed young men, sons of merchants or officials, whose coloured vest outside their long coats brighten up the dim alleys. One passes scholars not in office, must of them too poor to dress gayly; some with fine faces, but some dull for lack of hope and ambition. There are Scribes and Pharisses of China. The brighter of them quote from Confucius and other sages of the golden age as mediceval "clerks" from their Aristotle, or as good old fashioned Bible readers of Western lands from the Scriptures. Just behind the scholars whohave not attained comes the man who has four coolies pant and roar like automobile horns to clear the way, for they bear a Man darin with globe crest of crystal or coloured stone on his hat. He leans slightly forward in the dark chair, or sits perfectly brect with the dignity and reserve schooled into him by many generations of the Confucian, books, full

of forms and ceremony. . .. CHINESE EMBROIDERY.

The same things that sell at home for many dollars, may be seen here and bought very cheaply. All this exquisite embroidery is done in the world; for Raris, after all, is mainly patterns already stamped, on the silk or linenwill let you see. . .

IVORY CARVING:

The most entertaining thing to see, I have saved for the last. Find out the den where the old man cuts out the dozen or more concentric spheres of ivory. His place is just like all the other, gray brick buildings, low to the ground. Enter and pass through the dingy front part of the house and into his workshop. If you can, humour and wheedle this old man; with the bright eye and the place of human

OTHER SPLENDID STREETS. of the city are the blackwood furniture street, I menced business on the 1st April last year, but the fur clothing street, the curio and jade stone street. No more enchanting little shops can be | profit made during that interval was: \$4.657.47 found than the many little curio shops on Great New Street. The ancient art is much figer in delicacy of colouring and drawing than any being produced now, and it is hard to leave | writing off all apparent bad debts, your directhese places without armfuls of old bronzes. porcelains and other ancient Chinese things. The jade stone shops are places of wealthy and doubtful debts and to pay a dividend at merchandise. Half a dozen keen, fat salesmen sit behind the one counter about twenty feet long, knowing eavery valuable piece under the show, cases, and able to give reason at once for a difference of a hundred per cent in the price of two pieces that to the uninformed look about the same. It makes no difference whether you buy a necklace for some hundreds of dollars or a fifty-dollar ornament, or a bit for a ring setting, or nothing, -the salesmen will bid you good bye with the same grave kindliness with which they, welcomed It is not the thing for a high grade Chinese merchant to press his wares upon the

INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS. All along this same street you will find various sorts of fan-making establishments, or rather, many establishments about the same in appearance that make the various sorts of fans. All summer long it is no more likely that a Chinese gentleman will forget his fan at home than it is that a gentlemanly fan will forget its Chinaman. For a few dollars you can get a whole collection of feather fans, folding paper fans, picture fans, and other kinds. One can peep around by the hour in those tiny little niches, the curio shops, and it is hard to leave the best lacquer shop without having spent-too much money. As for the linen shop and the places to buy Chinese silks, ladies who really love their husbands avoid them. Looking over the stock, of Man Hing Cheung on Thirteenth Street, you will experience somewhat the same sensations you feel in an art; exhibition. corkscrews of humour and cupning at the corners of his mouth, and finally offer him a rum. shaw of twenty cents, he will at last take out of his drawer several" balls already begun, and, placing one in his lathe of ancient form; he will deftly turn it and tap it till the hole already started in one side is truly centred, and then applying a crude home-made chiscl with a turned edge, begin to shape, the next inner sphere. It is a fine example of what can be done with crude appliances, and a fine specimen of Chinese ability. You will be just as | ture of artificial manure for fifty or sixty years much entertained whether you believe every word of the story or not while the old man tells you that there are only two other such work. shops in Canton, and none anywhere else birds called osadori. No notice appears to in the whole of the Middle Kingdom, and that he and his brother inherited the art from his | which were considered unmarketable. When ancestors. From the workshop you may go to became known, however, that the feathers a salesroom near by and see the finished, of these birds fetched high prices and found product. Entering through an empty outer a fearly market in Europe-chiefly in France room you find yourself, being lentertained by two or three bright, brisk young men who take pride and pleasure in their art of making beautiful things; of the elephant's tusk, and

caskets, or the wonderful nests of spheres than your conscience will justify. There are many other things to be seen in more immediate interest to see the people to know and understand the people will be business, and you will be prepared to meet them in still more human relationships.

they will beguile you into spending more for

picture frames, cane handles, papkin rings,

they too appear an ancient folk and not for the | these can easily be caught. modern world. In both inferences we are deceived; the mines of South China are still to be opened, and the people of South China are as unexhausted as their hills. Soon rail- appears to contain a considerable amount of roads will rumble awake the gnomes of the phosphates, which may eventually make the mines; millions of spindles in mills farther north will be run with Chinese coal; farmers of the | with spinal diseases. The climate being, on South will send cartloads of rice hundreds of miles in the time that it now takes to go a few li. | a sanatorium may ultimately be established in Then will the days of flourishing return as in the island for invalids, especially those sufferthe times of Yaou and Shun. Young men from ing from affections of the respiratory organs,foreign universities are being scattered over. Japan Chronicle, the Empire with the seeds of learning that are to spring up and grow a new people with rooks in the old civilization and bearing the fruits of news. No one who enters the class rooms of the schools of Canton and sees the serious faces of the young students will doubt that the Chinese are already a rejuverant people. May the education given to them be of that sound kind which conserves the best of the old as well as introduces only the best of the new. O. D. W.

COSMOPOLITANISM OF SHANGHAI.

Shanghai is the most truly cosmopolitan city by poor women in their homes. They take French; London, after all, is mainly English; is now abundantly manifest, for a few days New York, after fall, is mainly American. by the shop, and work out the tedious lines of I Shanghai has its French, hotels, its imposing the flowers, butterflies, or dragons for an earn. German Club, its English Country Club, its. ing of about twenty cents a day, The little race track, its Russian Bank, its Japanese Foo Choon had applied to the Central Governburnt holes that one finds now and then in the mercantile houses, its American post office. It midit of a beautiful embroidered piece intended is ruled by a council of Englishmen, Germans for a dress for some wealthy foreign lady may | and Americans. It is policed by English bob- | arrive here. have been made through the carelessness of a bies, Irishmen, Sikhs from India, and Chinese. smoker," but they may rather mark the On the Bubbling Well road of a sunny after- valuable one, the alluvial soil bearing a high night toil of the poor woman. If you have noon, where the latest thing in motor cars | percentage of tin-ore in many places, whilst it any money left after visiting this place bunt | weaves through the line of smart carriages, you other parts of the concession, which is about out the best lacquer shop. The one I have in may see Spaniard elbowing Filipino, Portumind is in a very narrow and out of the way | guese jostling Parsee, Austrian chatting with | which gold in large quantities is obtainable in street even for Canton. The outside is very Bavarian; and they all talk, gamble, drink and many places, has been struck only 3 or 4 feet unprepossessing, but when you enter, the old buy in pidgin English. This settlement of. head of the firm, about the same as the head. 15,000 Europeans, living apart from that public of the family, and his good tempered son, and opinion which compels the maintenance of a all his wares will make you forget the street, social standard in every European country, and bably hear before long a good deal more about in the examining of his quaint and beautiful indifferent to local public opinion which keeps the Foo Choon Concession in Hainan, whence boxes, tea poys, frames, and other things that up a certain curious standard among the Chi- large quantities of tim and gold will no doubt are lacquered in this same little shop, as he have themselves, stems to have practically no be forthcoming in the not very far distant standard at all. The problem of every decent future. One may see silk being woven by hand American or Englishman who finds himself That in the hills and dales of Hainan there looms, and the dexterity with which the oper- established in business is whether he dare were large deposits of gold, tin, coal, and iron ator, handles, the paraling taugle of threads bring his wife and family and introduce them has long been rumoured, but it has remained. whereby he controls the woof as it goes in is late, circles so degraded that families disin- for our enterprising fellow-townsman to warify and Museum for the week ending the 15th matvellous. The beautiful brocades are build- tegrate and children grow up under dishearten. the wuth of the reports, and we heartly con- March, 1908:ed out before you in this dirty, parrow, cramp. jog influences. The heavy drinking of the China gratulate him upon the success which has at ad little den where you can scarcely past back court ports is proverbial, yet the drinking seems tended his efforts to develop the resources of and forth between the four coms. Why is little more than an incidentin a city where the so important a portion of his Fatheriand as averything in China not spoiled with dirt in spoint atmosphere is taloted and altogether the pictures of timinen undoubtedly namicalesome .- Samuel Werner in Success. 1 18 Times of Maleya

H. PRICE & CO., LB.

ANNUAL MERTING

The annual meeting of H. Price & Co., Ltd., wanheld this afternoon. The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts said: 1 -Gentlemen, the report and accounts having been in your hands for some days past. I propose to follow the usual custom to take them as read. As you are aware the company comwas not incorporated until the 28th lune." The I as shown in the profit and loke account. question has arisen as to the legality of utilising this sum of \$5,000 as a special reserve. After tors have considered it advisable to make a further provision of \$2,000 as a reserve for bad the rate of 10% per annum. The stock has been taken and valued by Messes. Lowe and Bingham with the assistance of our staff. "The company, has been doing an increased business since i formation and the prospects are encouraging. We represent a great number of the largest distilling, brewing and wine growing companies in England and the Continent and having a big turnover are enabled to sell at prices that induce the support of the public. We have entered into special arrangements with the Philippine Company to handle their well known " Commercial " cigars and shall be in a position to quote exceptionally, low prices. As it is absolutely necessary that cigars should be presented to the public in the very best of condition, we are installing here a drying room specially constructed for the storage of

Mr. G. T. Lloyd seconded and the motion was adopted.

> A "DESERT" ISLAND. IAPAN'S NEW POSSESSION.

As some of our readers may be aware, an uninhabited island was discovered off the coast of Formosa, by a Japanese explorer some time. ago, which has since been known by the name of Nishigawa Island, Mr. Nishihata, a pharmaceutical expert in the service of the Government, who Jately returned from a visit to the island, gives an interesting account of it. According to him the island is about 240 pautical miles distant from Formosa. being surrounded by platus reefs the stretch of water between which and the island is so rich in various marine products that they may be said to be almost inexhaustible. Varioties of shells, duabi, and pearls are abundant. There is also a large amount of coral. Immense rocks of calcium phosphate based on coral reefs exist to such an extent that there is a sufficient supply of materials for the manufac-'to come.

The discoverer of the island was one Midgatani Shinroku, who found there flocks of wild have been taken of the value of these birds. -an enterprise was set on foot by Mr. Nishigawa Kichiji, who took postession of the island and started to exploit it; "When the island is developed it is believed that about Y3,000,000 worth of a kind of shell called lakate, which is imported every year to Japan. from Singapore, may be supplied from the

There are already houses on the island, one the city of Canton; in fact, the things I have of which is sufficient to accommodate < 300 told you of may not even be recognized by workpeople. In the course of a few monthssome of the tourists who have most lately; by next June-a hospital will be completed "done" the city, while they may look in vain and electrical installations established so that id this description for the temples and pagedas. work may be carried on by night as well as to avoid the unhappiness of thinking you have to that of the southern part of Formosa, rangnot visited what a good tourist is expected to ling from 70° to 75° Fabr, at this time of the have visited. But do not spend too much time year. The island appears to be healthy, in temples and such places. It is of far. being entirely destitute of local diseases. The making and buying and selling. Your desize with a dense mass of tropical plants. There are no wild animals, reptiles, nor poisonous

flora is tropical and the whole island is covered aroused by the very humanness of their insects on the island, the only animal extant being a species of rat, of which yery large specimens of the size of xabbits are to be found These Cantonese are a people with a future in abundance. Although not a single parrow as well as a past. Their hills sre denuded of was to be found on the island, the group of forests and look worn out with age... So do mezirodori (Zosterops Japonica) abound, and

> Water is abundant, being, obtainable by, excavating wells. Although no systematic analysis of the water has been made as yet. island of value as a resort for those affected the whole; very salubrious, it is expected that

> > MINING IN CHINA.

GOLDFIELDS AND TIN MINES.

His many friends in the F.M.S. will be in terested to learn that Mr. Foo Choo Choon has been granted a concession by the Chinese Government to work extensive goldfields and tinfields in the Island of Hainan, near Hong-

.It may be recalled in this connection tha while Mr. Foo Choo Choon was spending few months of last year in his Fatherland news reached here that he had visited Hainan Island and discovered there large areas of tinbearing land as well as some rich deposits of

That there was a deal of truth in those reports ago, a wire was received from Peking Intimating that documents relating to an extensive mining concession in Hainan, for which: M scaled by the Mining Department and will soon

We understand that the concession is a very 17,000 acres in extent, the wash-dirt, from below the surface.

Thus it is evident Mr. Foo Choon's good luck followed him to China, and we shall pro-

THE HONGKONG POLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION:

ANNUAL REPORT.

From the report and statement of accounts to presented at the third abunal general meeting of the members of the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association (formed 29th November, 1904) to be hald at the City, Hall oa 27th March, at 5.30, we make the following ex-On 1st January, 1907, the number of mem-

bers on the roll was 25t; there were two deaths and 37 resignations during the year, while 16 new members were enrolled. On 31st December (there were 228 members on the roll, of whom 216 were present in the Colony The average of the numbers found in the Colony during 1907 was 205. The number of members present in the Colony throughout the year who did not shoot was 101. As a figure of merit 95 members attended 700 shoots for an average of 45 out of a possible 70. The Governor's Cup for 1907, presented by His Excellency the late Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, 'K.C.M.C., for the three best scores at the 200 yards and 500 yards range, was won by Mr. A. Jenkins, with the aggregate score of 410 out of a possible 420. As this gentleman received no handican this will be acknowledged. o be a very fine performance. The following: are the monthly winders:— 🔭 🚟 🧸 March, 200 yards,

April, 500 yards... May, 200 yards, June, 400 yards, August, 500 yards, A. Jenkins October, 200 yards, Dr. Evan Jones...63+ 6=69 November, 500 yards,

December, 200 yards. lanuary, 500 yards, February, 200 yards, March Coo yards. E. S. Carruthers 664 4=70

The cup presented by Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., to the competitor making the second best score was won by Mr. A. Moir. This competition was shot for on 44 separate dates during the year, and the total number of entries

Berkeley Cup.—Sir H. S. Berkeley, K.C., presented a cup for competition at 600 yards range. The competition is still in progress and will be completed in April. Medhurst Cup.-Mr. 3G. H. Medhurst pre-

sented a very handsome cup for competition under conditions to be decided by the Committee, who allotted it to be shot for under conditions similar to those of the "China Mail "Cup last year, at 200 yards range at disappearing targets on days to be selected. There have been so far only opportunities for two week-end shoots in this competition. Douglas Cup .- Mr. H. .P. White presented

cup to be called the "Douglas Cup" for competition at 800 yards range, and this is in progress monthly at the Peak Range. "China Mail" Cup.—The undecided tie be-

ween Messrs," P. P. J. Wodehouse, A. W. J Watt and J. H. Pidgeon left over from last year was shot off in April when Mr. A. W. J. Watt was declared winner with eight hits out of ten

Until and including the month of September trophics, were presented by the Association to the members making the three highest scores in each cup competition during each month, but owing to want of funds and to the small numbers competing it was decided by the Committee to present a spoon to the winners only for the remainder of the year.

Pool. - Pool competitions were held in connection with each cup shoot. .China United Service Rifle Association .-At the annual meeting held in April, Mr. A Jenkins secured the 500 yards championship with the highest possible score of 35.

"Interport Challenge Shield .- Messrs. J. E. Pidgeon, A. Jenkins, and J. C. Gow were selected to represent the Association in the interport team match held in October, and were placed 3rd, 5th and 9th.

White Horse Trophy.-The match.-between the Hongkong Volunteer Corps and the. Association for the trophy presented by Mr. Mackie of Lagavulin, Scotland, was decided on the 21st December. The Association team was successful in winning the trophy for this. the first year, with the score of 831 against 824 scored by the Volunteer team. Mr. W. G. Stackwood headed the winning side with an

aggregate score of 89. Other Matches.-Friendly matches /were shot off against H.M.S. Waterwitch. U.S.S. Cincinnatti and H.K. Volunteer Troop, when the Association was victorious. The team had, however, to own defeat in June last; by the H.K. Volunteer Corps by a margic of 15 points. out of 674 made by the Volunteers.

New Competitions for 1908.—The Hon. Mr. F. H. May, OM.G., has presented three cups. for competition in the new new year in Classes A. B. and C., according to handicaps. Mr. G. H. Medhurst has presented three handsome cups for competition during the year. The conditions have not yet been decided upon.

Peak Range.—The 800 yards firing point at the Peak Range was opened on the 21st September, when His Excellency the Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M G., honoured the Association by firing the first shot. Lady Lugard also kraced the ceremony with her presence. The completion of this firing point fills a want long felt by members, and it is hoped that more advantage will be taken of the opportunity thus presented for long range shooting than so far has been the case.

The meeting muit elect, in accordance with rule 9, a Committee consisting of a Chairman, a Secretary, who will also act as Treasurer, and eight other members. Members who have served during the past year are eligible for election but Mr. W. H. Trenchard Davis has resigned and Mr. F. Maitland is going away for long leave and does not seek to-election. His Excellency the Governor has " sought the sanction of the Secretary of btate to a grant to enable the Association to employ a paid Secretary. That sanction has not yet been received; it will be necessary, Kowloon Gravitatherefore, to proceed to the election of an Honorary Secretary, as Mr. E. S. Carruthers is unable to continue to perform the duties of that office. The grant, if sanctioned, will not be continued beyond the current year unless the present 'artength of the Association is maintained, and there has been, in His Excellency's opinion, an 'adequate: attendance' of members at the range during the year.

RETURN of visitors to the City, Hall Library Chinese 3,965

THE SOY CHEB COTTON SPIN-NING CO., LIMITED.

ANNUAL MEETING

The thirteenth ordinary general meeting of the Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co. was hale at Shanghai on 10th inst. The chair was occupied by Mr. Mittag

(chairman), and there were also present :--Massrs. A. Zickerman (vice-chairman), A. Hoerter, Woo Saw Chiu, Ho Helen Chuen (directors), R. Lemke (general manager), Edu. Groosser (secretary), and Max. Mirelles, Ger man Vice-Consul, representing in all 957

The Chairman said-Gentlemen,-The report and accounts with regard to the working of our mill during 1907 have been in your hands for ome time, and with your permission I will dispense with the formality of reading them. as you will have seen, we began the year with a balance at credit of profit and loss account of Tis. 50,663.40 and now carry forward T 16,229 27 only, the working, after deduction renewals, interest, etc., showing a loss of Taci 24.534 13. Your Directors greatly regiet the unsatisfactory results attained during the year under review.

As you are no doubt aware the year has been one of deplorable depression all round, and cotton spinning in the East has suffered proportionately. It has, in fact, been the worst year experienced for some considerable time, the unsatisfactory position being mainly attributable to the following adverse circumstances:

-The consumption in the river ports was abnormally small, no doubt as a result of the failure of the crops in 1906 and the consequent severely along the whole Yangtse Valley. Also, | Eastern Street, is her favourite suitor. Evidently A. Jenkins 69 scr. 69 looked exceedingly bad and though it railied a speciacles, a gold hair press, a gold button, little, the fibre was very lacking in strength.

> our oldest customers had to suspend payment, with a heavy loss, at a time when Godowns the entire absence of demand, we had to carry during the entire year stock ranging from 4,000 | to Goco bales. In view of the very uncertain position of the trade at the beginning of the scason, your directors did not feel justified in buying cotton to a large extent but, as things turned out, prices rose so steadily that it was impossible to cover our requirements of raw material at profitable rates, and it was decided to curtail the production, which naturally means a loss to the Mill. "Further, during the summer months, when

> native hands work slowly on account of the great heat in the Mill buildings, your Directors' deemed it advisable to close the mill altogether, and take this opportunity of thoroughly overhauling and cleaning the machinery and brilers. This was done, and they are now in arst rate working order.

Considering all these adverse circumstances and the fact that during the year under review the mill has been working only eight months, whilst permanent charges and heavy interest have to be met for the full twelve months, you will, I feel sure take a less gloomy view of the figures we have placed before you.

The chairman then asked if there were an questions, but none being forthcoming h moved the adoption of the report and accounts, and Mr. Woo Saw Chiu seconding, they were unanimously passed. ..

On the proposal of Mr. Zickermann, seconded by Mr. Hbettler, Mr. Woo baw Chiu was re-elected a director, and Mr. Ho Hsien Chuen was also re-elected to the directorate on the motion of Mr. Woo .Sau Chin, seconded by

Mn Hoettler, The Chairman moved, and Mr. Zickermann seconded; the re-appointment of Mr. F. Ge recke as auditor of the company, which was

unanimously approved. On the call of Mr. Lemke, the chairman was heartily thanked-lor-his services.

WATER RETURN.

Level and storage of water in reservoir on the 1st March. CITY AND HILL-DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

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from 4th to 14th during February, 1907. Constant supply in all districts during February, 1908.

error owing to the difficulty of accurate measurement whilst the extension works at Albany Filter Beds are in progress. KOWLOON WATER WORKS.

LEVEL, '....' tion Reservoir. STORAGE GALLONS.

tion Reservoir, 135,650,000 gallons Consumption of water in Kowloon during the month of February Estimated.

Consumption :... 13,528,000 20,825,000 gallons population. Consumption 1 per head per The Government Analyst saports that the

ACCIDENT TO THE BATTLE SHIP "ASAHI."

The battleship Acahi, which left Tsu. Mie prefecture, on the 3rd instant for Yokohama, met, with a slight accident soon after starting. Captain Miyaji, in command of the battleship. reports that at .3.20 p.m. on the 3rd instant be felt the ship touch a rock. This rock, which is said to be unmarked on the Government charts, is about eight miles south-west of Irakosaki, Mikawa province, A search for the subken rock was immediately instituted, ! and continued; until sunset, ,but without result. The battleship was then put back to Tsu in order that an examination of the damage to the vessel's hull might be made. Some slight leakage of water was, found on the starboard side of the engine-room, but this soon

'A later dispatch from Captain Miyaji states' that the damage to the ship is very slight, four or five rivets being loosened in a joint of the outer-plates below the engine-room on the starboard side. The ship is to proceed to Yokosuka after temporary repairs have been effected by the crew .- Jopan Chronicle.

A RICH HAUL.

MAIDSERVANT'S ROYAL ROAD TO LOVE.

. A serious charge of theft was preferred against a maidservant and a coolie at the, Police Court this morning. It appears that Ho Mi was in the service of a Chinese lady named Wong Shui Tong, residing at 184, famine, the effects of which are still being felt | Wing Lok Street, while Kwok Ping, of 42, formerly a very brisk trade in cotton goods, with the intention of providing against the woven from our spinnings, was done with proverbial rainy day, and possibly in the hope Manchuria. But since the Japanese have of cementing the affections of her lover, to obtained the predominating influence in that | Mi decided to rid her mistress of much of the province, this has been almost entirely closed | latter's superfluous money and jewellery. She to us. Furthermore, the high rate of exchange | therefore took into her possession a whole host ruling at the beginning of the year was very of valuables, worth altogether the sum-of much in favour of Japanese and Indian spin- | \$1,111, besides two promissory notes for \$3,000, nings, and in October, when Exchange dropped, Hankow Railway Scrip worth \$205, and \$455 the stocks of Indian yarns were so enormous, in hard cash. The jewellery included a that local spinnings were almost out of the diamond ring, seven gold-rings, four pearls, market. The new cotton crop for some time | two jadestone ear-rings, a pair of gold rimmed two pairs gold car-drops, two car-picks, gold Owing to the unsatisfactory position of the locket, two gold pendants, three gold ornaments. yarn market throughout the year several of two sovereigns, and a ten-yen gold piece. Altogether the jewels and valuables which she and we were obliged to resell our production appropriated amounted to the sum of \$5,000. When charged at the Police Court to-day both were filled to overflowing, and could only be | the accused pleaded guilty. The Magistrate, tempted by substantial concessions. Owing to Mr. Gompertz, imposed a sentence of six months' hard labour and further ordered that the man should be exhibited in the stocks for six hours.

> TRADE-MARK PIKACY A KOBE CASE.

Our telegram coluntas contained au intimation a day or two ago that the British Government intended to approach Japan with regard' to making a new agreement on the subject of trade-marks. The need for some action in the matter continues to be abundantly manifest, for though the Japanese Government, in the Protocol to the Anglo-Japanese I reaty, undertook to join the International Conventions for the Protection of Industrial Property and Copyright before the cessation of British Consularjurisdiction in Japan, very little benefit has accrued to British subjects from that undertaking.

We have been shown another example of these piracies, Kobe being the scene on this occasion. Messrs. Geo. Whymark & Co. import a pasticular variety of tea from Ceylon, which they sell in packets described as "One Pound Jubilee Ceylon Tea." The label of the packet is yellow, and the trade-mark consists of twods diamon joined, with "G" in one and "W" in the other, "&" appearing above and "Co." below. Beneath are the words "Choicest Pedro Estate Caylon Pekoe, Imported by Geo. Whymark & Co., Blogo, Japan." It now appears that a Japanese firm named Fujiya.& Co., of Motomachi, Kobe, have placed another Ceylon tes on the market, and finding, apparently, that Messrs. Whymark's ten had already a large sale, thought they could not do better than utilise that firm's trade-mark. We have the two labels before us. At first glance they are identical. : Not only are they calculated to deceive Japanese, but foreigners taking a cursory glance would not be likely to detect any difference between the genuine and the counterfeit. It is only on closer examination that some changes in wording will be observed. Thus the "One Pound Jubilee" becomes . "One Pound Julep," and the two diamonds have "H" and ! K" instead of "G" and ."W." but the "&" and "Co," occupy the same places as in the genuine label. Below appear the words: "Choicest Pedro Estate Ceylon Pekoe," but instead of the name "Geo. Whymark & Co., Hiogo, Japan," there is substituted "Fujiya & Co., Kobe, Japan." The colour of the label. the shape of the type, the arrangement of the lines, the actual wording are all clearly a colourable imitation of an article already on the market, and can only be intended to deceive the unwary purchaser, this being done in spite of the fact that the genuine label bears the inscription "Trade Mark No. 21823. Registered April 2, 1904." It is bare-faced piracy of this description that makes foreign business memin Japan despair, of any redress through diplomatic or any other means. The sales of the ten imported by Messra. Whymark & Co. have been materially reduced since this piracy appeared on the market, as the tes is apparently a lot captured during the war and sold very cheap, but their only remedy is to enter upon a possibly expensive lawsuit, in order to assert their right to their own trademark.—Japan Chronicle.

INDIAN BOGEY CONCERNING HONGKONG.

It is said that there are the makings of quite . a pretty little inclied over the sending of and The return of consumption is subject to Indian regiment to Hongkong, remarks the Asian, in consequence of the said regiment. having been declared by its own doctor asmedically unfit for service in that by no means healthy station.

When the orders came out for this regiment to go, the percentage of men on the sick list was very high indeed, and the regi-, ment was consequently considerably below its proper strength. It was vetted and pronounced medically unfit; but then for some reason mot appearing on the surface this medical verdict was over-ruled by a second 'squad of doctors, and eventually the regiment. went away to the muggy Hastern station, 800 strong ! It was enabled to go at this strength because it took all its invalids with it; but ak a matter of cold fact it is said that it is probably only able to turn out 300 N.C.O.s and men strong, upon parade. Houghous for the place for a regiment not in particularly robers
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Water Authority before the present year is better

The Yarn Trade.

THREATENED JAPANESE INVASION.

LEADING MERCHANT INTERVIEWED.

.The appearance of the translation of the circular in Chinese issued by the Japan Cotton Spinners' Association in our last evening's issue, together, with our comments thereon, has aroused a considerable amount of interest in commercial citcles on account of the invasion of the China Yarn by Japanese competitors means of very questionable methods. The value of the Yarn Trade to Hongkong is of no less an amount than \$25,000,000 annually in a normal year. In this amount is not taken into consideration the value of the trade to the shipping firms engaged therein, nor are the side profits and turn over taken into account by way of marine insurance on the value of freight while in transit from India to Hongkong and thence to ports serving as feeders to the consuming districts in the interior. The value of godown rents in Hongkong, premia fire insurance and the commissions derivable by the bankers in the buying and selling of the very large remittances have also been omitted in the aggregate reckoning of the \$25,000,000 total. These intro-, ductory remarks suffice to convince even the uninitiated of the value of the Yarn Trade as an important prop in the commercial fabric of the Colony. With a view to ascertaining in what light this new threatened Japanese invasion; first made public in these columns, is regarded by the merchants in monkkong, a member of the staff of this journal sought, and obtained an interview with the managing partner of leading firm of yare importers in Hongkong. When the object of our visit was announced,. the gentleman at once observed that the question was one fraught with considerable interest to the trade of the Colony. In his opinion, the new method proposed by the Japan. Cotton Spinners' Association was distinctly prejudicial to the Indian trade.

"How is it prejudicial?" .. "In this way: the scheme is of the nature of unsair competition. It introduces an element of speculation which appeals in a peculiar manner to the Chinese people."

"You mean gambling?" "Yes, gambling essentially."

"But you don't object to Japanese competition as such?" No. We'are always prepared to face and

fight fair competition and are willing to abide by the inexorable laws of the survival of the fittest. The methods proposed under the Japanese scheme do not come within the definition of fair competition. They seek to introduce a pernicious element into a legitimate trade which cannot be countenanced and must be discouraged."

"Would the peraiciousness of the evil be confined to the yarn trade alone?". "No. It will affect thade in general."

Asked for his opinion as to the attitude of other importers engaged in this trade towards this latest Japanese move, the merchants unhesitat? ingly affirmed that the answers he had given to our questions and the statements he had advanced practically embodied the views of all firms interested in the Indian yarn trade. A to the position of Chines: dealers he thought that those who limited their transactions to the spinnings of the Bombay Mills coincided with those of the importers in general, whereas the natives who dealt in the conrect qualities of lapanese yarn would not improbably throw In their lot with their Japanese principals and with them, would go in for this new form of gambling introduced under the Osaka Association's scheme.

"Would the scheme be regarded as a gambling one in the light of-the Hongkong Ordin-

"That is not for me to say." Will any action be taken in order to defeat. the sinister object of the Japanese millowners?". The gentleman, who is in a position, to make an authoritative statement on the subject, preferred at this stage not to commit himself to any definite assertion. We will trust, however, and our editorial suggestion of yesterday is reiterated, that the Chamber of Commerce and the China Association might jointly make represent tions on the initiative of the merchants to Government in order to defent an attempt on, the part of our trade rivals in Japan to undermine the source of a very valuable branch of commerce which contributed in the past in no immaterial manner to the stability of the Colony's present-day commercial prosperity. In thus protecting the interests of Hongkong, we should at the same time be indirectly benefitting merchants, traders, and brokers alike in Shanghai where the existence of several large cotton spinning and weaving mills stands to suffer far more than the huge interests of Hongkong, were the tentative attempts of the Japanese to wholly capture this important branch of the China trade to be carried to a successful issue. : If steps are to be taken, we commend it to the earnest attention of the guardians of the mercantile interests of the port that they must be taken promptly and decisively. It is now or never,

BOGUS POLICEMEN.

ATTEMPT TO VICTIMIZE A FARMER BAILS:

At the Police Court, this morning, Mr. H. H. J. Gampertz presiding, two Chinamen-Tsoi lu, expedients such as those described have to be an ex-policemen, residing at Queen's Road resorted to in order to obtain to ladies part-West, and Lo Ting Po, of 48, Shanley Street ners. The passages in question are from the were charged, at the instance of inspector | Wina Times of the 4th inst :-Gourlay, with assuming the designation of police officers when not being members of the ball was the provision of various devices the Force, and with demanding mone with for securing partners for everybody. We have

were also ordered to be exposed in the stocks | each a little, but disappeared hastily when the ! taloed that the reward now offered will result

SANITARY BOARD.

FORTNIGHTLY MEETING. The fortnightly meeting of members of the

Sanitary Board was hold last Tuesday afternoon when the following business was transacted :-BASEMENT DYELAWS.

The M.O.H.'s minute recommending the amendment of the Basement Bye-laws is as

th March, 1908.

Sir,-I beg to recommend that the Board amend the Basement Bye-laws by deleting sub-section 1 of Bye-law I (page 88). It will be seen that sub-section 2 provides for the required window area into external air, and that sub-section 3 prevents any basements with a dock abutment being occupied. So many basements are just ground floors with a smal abutment that the effect of sub-section t'i too drastic: Section 26, sub-section 2 gives us power to deal with any undesirable basement as nofit for habitation. In Bye-law 2, if the Board approve my suggestion; it will be necessary to delete the words from " fronts" in line 4 to " room " in line 7, and I would suggest; adding a the end of this Bye-law the following: -"and is let, ventilated and maintained in a sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the Board."

LIMEWASHING AT SHEUNG SHA PO VILLAGE. In reference to the question of limewashing of houses in the Sheung Sha Po village, at Kowloon, the following minutes appeared:

Mr. Shelton Hooper-there seems to be some mistake as to the last time the houses were limewashed. The President says they have not been done for three years. The M.O.H. says in his minute of 13/9/07 they have been whitewashed once a year for the past three years.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak-General cleaning without limewashing should be sufficient. village is too poor to pay for limewashing. The Registrar-General-1 agree with Mr. Lau for this year.

THE QUEEK'S ROAD ROBBERY. CHARGE PROVED—ACCUSED SENT TO PRISON

The scond case to be called on at the Criminal Sessions, yesterday morning, was that in which Leung Kwan, who was formerly a lukong

in the' a ongkong Police Force, was charged wi h assault with attempt to rob.

The Attorney-General-Mr. W. Rees Davies -prosecuted. The accused, who was not represented by Counsel, pleaded "not guilty" to the indiciment.

The facts of the case, as outlined by Mr. Davies, were to the effect that early on the morning of the 27th ultos the complainant-Atma Singh, a watchman in the service of Messis. A. S. Watson and Company-left work to return to his home at Wanchai. When he arrived outside the old Commissariat building, outside Fletcher Street, he saw a Chinaman standing near a The Indian continued on his way for a few paces when another Chinaman, joined the other near the tree. As he was pissing, one of them rushed at him and rubbed a handful of periper in his eyes, while the other attempted to get his hands into his pockets. The Indian, who by this time was dazed with pain, cried "Policeman, policeman." He was then knocked down. and his assailants bolied-one running eastward and the other towards the west. He pursued the man going west, calling for help all the time. Then he saw a European rush out from the Naval Yard and seize the man. The European told witness to go and fetch a policeman, but witness could not go as his eyes were too bad. The prisoner was removed into the dockyard until the arrival of a policeman.

Witnesses were then examined, fer which the jury returned a verdict of guilty and a sentence of three years! hard labour was pa sed.

> THE PERIURY TRIAL. DEFENDANT DISCHARGED.

Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz gave his dicision at the Police Court last Friday afternoon, after we had gone to press, in the case in .which Chan-Chun was charged with committing perjury, by swearing an affidavit that Lai Chi Chin and his | charge family had left their residence in Caine Road on the 26th February and had gone to Canton, whom as a matter of fact, Lai Chi Chin' had never left the Colony, Mr. Gampeitz found defendant not guilty and discharged him.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution. Mr. G. E. Morrell, of Messis, Goldring, Barlow and Morrell, appeared for the defence.

Defendant was called to the stand and examined. He stated that, when he made the declaration he thought Lai Chi Chin was about to leave the Colony. He believed it, because somebody told him so. He made no inquiries to find out if it was correct. Mr. Gomperiz, in giving h s decision, said that he had no desire to usurp the functions of a jury. In the exer cise of his discretion he did not believe a jury would convict defendant on the evidence adduced, and decided as already stated.

HIGH JINKS IN TIBNISIN.

They certainly know how to do things in Tientsin, as the following account of some of their proceedings at a recent Spinsters' Ball will serve to show; but we must say the reader is not likely to derive a very flattering idea of the attractiveness of the Tientsin belles when

... A novel and greatly appreciated feature of already alluded to one-the scattering of red It was stated that on the night of the 15th | hearts containing spinsters' names among the instant, the accusedcalled at the house of a farm- crowd of bachelors, who scrimmaged for them er-To Fo Kun-who resides at 43. Wong-nei- on the floor. Another was a great white sheet, chong Village, and told him that "the inspector behind which nothing could be seen but a 2 Police Station wanted to see him," number of hands appearing above the top, these and requested him to follow them to the station. being grasped by those in front, surely an Knowing the first accused was a policeman Irishwoman's device for securing partners, and not being aware of his discharge from the this pig-in-the-poke arrangement. But all Force, the farmer started with them for the contrivances for filling the dancers' station. The accused each carried a truncheon | programmes, though many and various, were (not the regulation kind) and police whistles. similar in character to this the spirit of found dead on the Taipo Road, above the six-When the trio got outside the house one chance; red, lucky chance ruled. For one mile stone. On examination it was discovered of the accused told the farmer that he had dance, fans were dealt out indiscriminately, that he had evidently been murdered, his got himself into trouble, but that if he gave theistans being in pairs; and every gentleman throat being terribly gashed, while there were them "several dollars they would settle had to go among the ladies and seek the other signs that a severe struggle had taken up things." The farmer stated that he had duplicate of the fan he had received. The place before he had succumbed to his injuries. no money, and that he was quite willing men drew cards with ladies names on them, The police authorities took the matter in to go to the station. The accused then assault and bad to go and find the ladies. Another | hand, but so far their inquiries have not read him with their truncheons. In aminute the device was the discovered which villagers, hearing cries, turned out and chased behind a screen-a red screen of course-in would lead to the arrest of the murderers, the accused both of whom escaped. When front of which a number of med were It is believed, however, that the barber the police visited the spot they found a placed in a row Then the ladies came was the victim of the Triad Society's truncheon and a cap on the ground. A and stopped through the paper of the agents, whose hostility he had incurred. Acmearch for the accused resulted in their screen, each coming put of a panel as it cordingly the police have decided to offer a arrest yesterday afternoon op the Prays East, were, and grasping the hands of the man in seward of Sayo to anyone who would come for-When searched the second accused was found front of her and dancing with him. At the ward and give such information as may lead to with the truncheon and the whistle in his last the lights were turned down, and in mahed the apprehension and conviction of those consuppriser of maked demons dressed in red cerned in the commission of the crime. Inte

DOMESTICATROUBLES.

HUSBAND ACCUSED OF ROBBING HIS WIFE Domestic troubles of a sensational kind was described in a case that came before Mr. H. H. J. Gomports, in the Police Court, last Monday

An American named Walter B. Pellingwell. until recently residing at the Counaught House Hotel, was accused of attempting to obtain the sum of Seco with menaces, and by force, from his wife, who keeps a boarding-house at 4.

Mr. E. J. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson and-Grist, appeared for the prosecution. The accused, who was undefended, pleaded. "not guilty" to the charge on a previous hearing. The case is unquestionably a singular one

to Hongkung, and overflows with brutality. Mr. Grist proceeded to state the facts of the case straight away. The case, he began, was a very bad one. . I he prosecutrix was a boardinghouse keeper in the Colony and because of that he would ask the Press to keep the matter

The Court-it is her misfortune. There is Continuing, Mr. Grist said that prosecutrix and the defendant had been married for about eighteen months. .. They had lived together for some time, and then separated. A few-days ago, on the 12th instant, defendant returned to the Colony and went to see his wife, demanded a sum "of money from her and a she was unable to comply with the order hi threatened her to cut her throat, it was stated. During the discussion that followed, defendant, Mr.: Grist observed, appeared to have lost his temper. He snatched some jewellery from her, and assaulted her. The prosecutiix did no want him severely punished and suggested that defendant he bagished from the Colony the American Consul being quite in accord with this procedure. If the Court agreed defendant should be sent to gao! for a week until steps were taken for his deportation. The Court-I know nothing about that

The charge is a serious one. Mr. Grist said that, in the circumstances, would frame a lesser charge. He suggested that defendant be charged with the larceny of a gold coin, which was found on him when ar

The Court-Larceny is a pretty severe charge. What was the coin? Inspector Hanson-A \$10 gold piece.

Mr. Grist-If he pleads guilty to that charge. would suggest a short sentence-"The Court-With a view to steps being taken by the Executive for his deportation? Mr. Grist-Yes.

The charges were then read out to the defendant as follows :- (1) Demanding money with menaces, (2) larceny of a gold coin and (3) assaulting his wife., Defendant pleaded guilty to the second and third counts, adding " under extenuating cir-

cumstances." The Court inquired whether the separation between the parties was by consent.

" No," answered Mr. Grist. He had been drinking, and had loft his wife six months ago, defendant went on. The arriv ed here the other day from San Francisco on his way to Manila, and called on protecutrix. They had "some words " and he struck her. Then he took the \$10 gold piece which he had giv in her, and which was hanging to a chain.

The Court sent him to paol for seven days on the second charge. On the third count he was bound over in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace for three months.

TRICKS WITH A BIKEC

FOREIGNER'S ATTRMPT TO LEAVE THE COLONY BAULKED.

Ernst Schaeferling, an unemployed scaman, obtaining a bicycle under false pretences from Arsenal Street:

The defendant, who was arrested on board the Tainen just before she sailed for Australia, with the machine in his possession, denied the

The complainant said that on Saturday afternoon-shortly after two o'clock-defendant called at his shop and asked for the hire of a machine, and defendant deposited pinety-five cepts as guarantee. The price per hour was Torty cents. The bicycle he valued at \$40. An hour later somebody informed witness that, man then in custody. a man had taken one of his machines on board ship and that the ship was sailing at four o'clock. On a previous occasion when defendant hired a bike he gave his address as the Hongkong Brewery, which witness entered in

his book. Detective Sergeant Murlson said that acting on the report made by the complainant he boarded the steamer Tsinan, then anchored at West Point. He found the defendant standing on the main deck, with the bicycle near him. Witness asked defendant if the machine belonged to him and he said yes. Defendant was also asked if he had a passage ticket and he produced one which showed that he was bound for Port Darwin, Australia. He was then arrested. .

The defendant's excuse was that he was married, and that he was three months cut of

The Court-You were going to Australia to look for work? Defendant-Yes.

The Court-It is rather unfortunate that when you were getting a start you should try to rob a bicycle dealer who has to carn a liv ing too. Go to gaol for three months with hard labour.

When the sentence was made known to de: fendant he burst into tears, and was hurriedly ushered out of Court.

> ALLEGED MURDER OF A CHINKSK BARBKR.

A REWARD OF \$750 OFFERED.

On the 3rd March last a Chinese barber was The charge was proved and the accused and while. These seized hold of different ladies pector McHardy, of Sam-shul-pe Police Station, were sent to gen) for four months each. They lutture, and denced with and whitled round is in charge of the case, and hopes are enter.

O. S. CUNSULATES IN CHINA.

Nearly three-quarters of the !! Journal of the American Asiatic Association, for February is taken up with statements regarding the improvement of American consular buildings. China, Japan and Korea. The contention that the present accommodation is alike unfitted for the purposes it has to serve and ill-designed in increase the respect felt by Chinese to American dignity is so reasonable that it funnecessary to lay further emphasis upon it here: although, when we recall what has been done by the pioneers of other pations in this and other lands with the most rudimentary means, we may be inclined to feel that the prestige which depends on appearance may be over-rated. What we chiefly notice, however is that the scheme appears to have grown considerably, if we are not mistaken, since the complaint against the Consulate General.

Shanghai was first officially recognized at Mr. Tafe's visit last October. The sum which is to be demanded of Congress totals G\$1,373,643, of which \$500,000 is allotted 'to Shanghai while' the remainder is divided between Amoy, Canton, Cheloo, Chungking, Foothow, Hankow, Hongkong Newchwang, Tientsin, Kobe, Nagasaki, Scoul Tamsui and Yokohama. The requirements and possibilities of each port are set forth in de tail by Mr. E. Root, the American Secretary of State, and the proposals for Shangha are minutely explained in a covering letter from Mr. C. Denby, the Consul-General The new building in Shanghai would comprise accommodation for the Consu General and his family, the United States Court and gaol, (of the present one we read that "prisoners by the simplest methods of gao breaking have gotten at large when it pleased them to do so "-so that others besides Ameri cans are interested in reformation on this point). for consular offices, post office, Public Healt and Marine Hospital Service. At is particularly interesting to notice that offices for handling Chinese emigrants to the United States are also contemplated. Into the details of other ports we have not space to enter. But, in general two or three main points may be noticed. is manifestly unfair that the American Consu should have to pay for their own lodging which, in the case of Chungking, means lodging with some European family. It is bad policy, as at Canton, to leave American business to be transacted by another nationality for want of proper offices. "It is unhealthy, as at Amoy, to expose your Consul to be swent away by any passing typhoon. Finally it is clear that Mr. W. H. Talt's tour through the Far East has begun to bear fruit of much promise. Behindthe claborate proposals which lie before us there is a solid intention to foster the operations of American trade in China by all possible means; and while we may sympathize with the motive, we must not overlook the warning which it contains for other, rivals already in the field -N. C. D. News.

ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY.

THREE MEN SENT TO GAOL

Sir Francis Piggott, Chief Justice, opened the Criminal Sessions yesterday morning. The first case on the calendar was that of attempted armed robbery, in which three Chinamen-Yan Sing King, Ip Yan Sang and Lai Takwere charged.

The defendants denied the charge, and were undefended. Mr. W. Rees Davies (Attorney-General), instructed by Mr. Bowley, of the Crown Solicitor's office, appeared for the

The following was the jury empanelled :-Messrs, W. E. Clarke (foreman), J. J. H. Möller, John Robertson, H. J. Dolahan, J. G. Muir, Joseph Clelland and H. L. Harron.

The Attorney-General outlined the facts of the case. Shortly after nine o'clock on the night of February 9th the defendants, in company with another man who is still at large, who arrived from Shanghas recently was arraign. | boarded a junk (No. 195), then anchored at Taid in the Police Court, last Monday forenoon, kok-tsui. "A fisherman, his wife and his troyed by fire on 19th February, 1907 and the before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, charged with mother in law were on board at the time. The Insurance Co., paid a Total Loss on buildings defendants made a noise, which aroused the and furniture. The amount of the claim has one Nasir Mahomed Arab, a cycle dealer, of 3. junk people, and the master of the junk got out of bed and called: "What is the matter?" One of the defendants replied; "We have come to search your boat for illicit onium." The defendants entered the cabin then and deimanded money. On being refused one of the accused slashed her across the face with a long knife. A struggle followed during which the defendants ran away. They were followed by machine for two hours. Witness gave him the the junk master and people from another junk. One of the accused was arrested by an Indian policeman, the remainder being captured later as the result of information received from the

> Evidence tollowed. The jury found all the defendants guilty. and sentence was passed. The first and third were ordered to be kept in prison for a term o three years each, and the second man to five years' hard labour.

"GBTTING BACK HIS OWN!

A SCENE OUTSIDE THE POLICE COURT.

#8th inst. A very pausual, and at the same time it must be admitted very amusing scene was witnessed in the compound of the Magistracy, this forenoon, when an excited coolie, who had been convicted and ordered to pay a fine planted his fist in the neighbourhood of his prosecutor right jaw. The latter was so thunderstruck that it took him a while to regain his equili brium and to act. The coolie, a big strapping individual, was arrested yesterday by a Forest Guard for damaging bamboo trees on the hillside at Tai Wan O, a place situated between West Point and Pokloslum, The accused was arraigned this forenoon before Mr H. H. J. Gompertz, who imposed a fine of \$ 5. the alternative being one month's imprisonment. The man was then removed from the dock. As he was leaving the Court he turned round sharply on the Forest Guard and struck him on the jaw, at the same time saying "You have got me this time." Take that. He was about to get in a second blow, but the Guard had recovered his senses by this time and with the aid of other officers who had seen the assault, the coolie was seized and removed to the charge-room. A second charge-that of assault-was then framed against him, and for this offence a further fine of \$5, or fourteen days gaol, was passed. After this the coolie seemed very pleased; with himself and went "in "to do time."

The mouthly competition for the Captain's Cup was held at Happy Valley between March 7th and March oth. The following cards were returned t- CAPTAIN'S CUR

WEI-BAI-WEI LAND AND BOILDING CO. LTD

ANNUAL MEETING The annual meeting of the Wei-hal-wei Land and Building Co. was held at Shanghai on 12th inst. Mr. Alex. McLood being in the chair. Others present were Measrs S. E. Clark, E. Profit and Loss Account 1.024.07 Jenner Hodge, P. F. Laveren W. A. C. Platt (representing Mr. A. P. Stokes) and Mr. J. P.

The Chairman moved the adoption to

the report and accounts, He pointed out

that they had transferred the amount of Tis. 231,10 from the working to profit and loss account There was wery little to be said with regard to the accounts, but he might mention that they had depreciated their buildings by an amount of ten per cent. and they had been kept in an excellent state of repair. Besides, it was a fact that they could not now be rebuilt as cheaply as they had been originally. The furniture account stood in the books at very little more than half its original cost. As they would see by the report, a bungalow had been destroyed by fire on the 19th of February, and the insurance company paid & total loss or the building and furniture. This money had now been invested on behalf of the company in debentures. Unfortunately they could not say that their claims for Tis. 3,470 against the British Government on account of the loss they sustained in 1900 by being prohibited from letting their bungalows had been paid. Whether they would ever recover that was a matter of doubt, but it was desirable to keep it in their books as dependency, which they really ought to recover. For the coming season, he was glad to say, they had already let four bungalows, and he hoped before the summer season commeaced that they would be able to let several others. They had now an amount of close on twenty thousand taels invested in debentures, and as it did not seem at all probable that the prospects of development were likely to take place there was really no object whatsoever in keeping this money in reserve. As it would be more than sufficient to enable ancium of about Tis. 5 per share to be made to shareholders the Directors were making enquiries as to the cost of obtaining a reduction of the capital, and if the necessary formalities could be effected at a reasonable costwhich they would like o' but somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$250 or thereabout they would take steps to have this reduction carried out. Every year since the company started there had been a hope that the British Government would do something towards the development of Wei-Hei-Wai, which would give the necessary impetus to extension and enable the company to use its large amount of undeveloped land, Nothing-hadever come of these hopes, and in order to show a proper book value of the estates, the undevaloped land had been charged with interest, and the figures in the balance now gave the actual book value of their estates. He moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. E. Jenner Hogg seconded, and the motion was passed without comment. Mr. E. Jenner Hogg was, on the motion of

Mr. W. A.C. Platt, seconded by Mr. J. P. Lowe, re-elected a Director. Mr. P. F. Lavers moved and Mr. W. A. C. Platt seconded a resolution to the effect that Messrs. A. R. Leake and Co. be reappointed

auditors, which was adopted. This concluded the business, the Chairman sinting that if necessary they would call special meeting to carry out the proposal to make a reduction in capital.

The following is the report The Directors have now to submit for the in formation of Shareholders the audited General Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for

the year ending 31st December, 1907. Four of the Bungalows were occupied during the whole of the summer season, and one of the remaining six was let for two months.

Bungalow No. 4, Half Moon Bay was des-

t, been invested in Debentures. A sum of Tls. 131.39 was expended during the year in general repairs and upkeep of the Bungalows, which are now in good order. The Claim for Bungalow Rents (Tls. 3,470)

on account of the summer of 1900 is still in Leases have already been signed for four

Bungalows for the coming season. The company owns 339.8233 mow of land, comprised in the following 5 Estates, of which so far only about 42 mow have been utilized, leaving about 298 mow to be developed. This

terest, and the 5 Estates show their actual book Estate No. 1 .- Consists of 108.54 mow on. the Beach in Narcissus Bay, On it there are

undeveloped land has been charged with In-

Four 5-roomed Bungalows. Estate No. 2.—Consists of 64.811 mow in Half Moon Bay. On it there are Four 5-room ed and Three 4-roomed Bungalows. Estate No. 3 .- Consists of 19.6645 mow in

Narcissus Bay. Estate No. 4 .- Consists of 90.383 mow onthe South side of Flagstaff Hill. Estate No. 5. - Consists of 56.415 mow East to the Troop.

of Mahto. Directors .- Mr P. F. Lavers, on his departure from Shanghai, resigned his seat on the board, and Mr. E. E. Clark was invited to join the Directorate. Mr. E. Jenner Hogg retires in rotation, but being eligible for re-election,

offers Himself accordingly. Auditor .- Mr. A. R. Leske resigns, but his firm offer themselves for re-election. A. MCLEOD, Chairman.

Shanghai, 26th February, 1908, 31ST DECEMBER, 1907

WORKING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING To Salaties and wages Fire insurance Printing, stationery and advertising " Shanghai agency charges Wei-Hai-Wei agency charges Hongkong agency charges Auditor's feas Repails Exchange Directors' fees Balance transferred to profit and Tis. 3,589.54

mterest 1,004,80 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. Tie. 1 624.97 By Balance brought forward from

Dependency. Claim on the British Governe ment for Rent of Bungalows, Tla 3,470.00 plus interest from 15th October, 1900.

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> Tls, 112,985,36 A MCLEOD Directors. E. JENNER HOCC.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL · PACANCY. MR. MURRAY STEWART'S CANDIDATURE

The time limit of forty-eight hours for proposers and seconders to send in names of candidates for the Legislative Council vacancy, during Mr. E. A. Hewett's absence from the Colony, having expired, it is interesting to learn that Mr. Murray Stewart's candidature first appounced by us last week stands upopposed. As far as we could ascertain none have come forward to contest; the honour against Mr. Stewart's nomination proposed by Mr. Henry Keswick, and seconded by Mr. D.

ANOTHER WEST POINT FIRE DAMAGE TRIFLING.

West Point was the scene of another fire last Friday, but on this occasion little, if any, damage resulted. The fire brove out in the basement - of a grocer's shop, in Wilmer Street. Dense smoke was issuing from the ground floor when the fire brigade arrived. The residents on the upper floors were, in great alarm and were hurriedly leaving the building. Two lengths of hose were run into the basement and a lively fight was put up in order to keep the flames away from the celling, which was now considerably 4 scorched. After a hard struggle they were reason warded, the flames being confined to the base. ment alone. An eye-witness informed one of our representatives that the brigade arrived on the scepe in the nick of time, for a minute or two later the flames would have worked their way into the shop, with serious results. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

POLUNTHER CORPS ORDERS.

ALL UNITS. Parade. -At headquarters at \$30 p.m. on Monday, the 23rd instant, for infantry drill. Sorgt, Downes, 3rd Middlesex Regt, will

ARTILLERY UNITS. Parade,-At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 24th instant, for 25 pdr. Q.F. Gun Drill. Sergt. Basford, R.G.A., will attend. Parade.—At beadquarters at 5.30 pm. on Wednesday, the 25th instant, for 15 pdr. Q.F. gun drill. Sergt. Cook, R.G.A., will attend. Parade.—At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on

Friday, the 27th instant, for 15 pdr. Q.F. gun drill. Sergt. Basford, R.G.A., will attend. ENGINEER COMPANY. Parade: At West Fort, Howloop, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, the 25th instant, for technical instructions.

TAIKOO DETACHMENT. Parade -- Af Taikoo at 5.30; p.m. on Thursday, the 26th lostant, gun drill. Sargt, Cook, RiGA.; will attend.

Mr. P. R. Wolff loined the Corps on the fath March, 1908, assigned Troop No. 55 and posted.

Gunner R. L. G. Arnold is granted leave of absence out of the Colony for 12 months with effect from the 6th March, 1958; Corporal I. D. Kinnjard in granted leave of absence out of the Colony for 12 months with,

effect from the 7th March 1908. Sapper F. W. Quary is granted leave of absence out of the Colony for 6 months with effect from the 13th, March, 19-8. IMPANTRY COMPANY

It is notified for information that the Infantry Company is now open for recruiting, members of other units wishing to transfer should send in their names to Volunteer Head-381.84] quarters through the Officer Commanding 246.09 their Company as soon as possible when their 15.90 applications will be considered. ORDERLY OFFICER.

641.c6 For week ending Saturday, the 28th March. 75.70 1908, Lieut, J. A. T. Plummer, G, O. C.S INSPECTION. Parade.-At headquarters at 2.45 p.r

181.39 Saturday, the 21st instant. 13.91 Dress :- "Marching Order." Khaki, khaki 300.00 | helmet with badge, walst belt with sidearms, 4. pouches, bandolier, coat in coat straps, mess loss account 1,331.10 tin and cover, rifle and sling, water bottle. haversack, puttles and black boots.

Medals will be worn by those in possession Note: Every member of the Corps must be present at this parade unless prevented by sickness, or stress of business, in which case a medical certificate or a latter from employer

stating cause must be provided to RIGHT HALF NO. 2 COMPANY, The usual monthly shoot will take place at Tai Hang Rifle Range on Sunday next, the 22nd instant. The son yards range will be closed as soon as possible after 0.30 a.m. This is the foorth shoot for Subscription Oups,

By Balance of Working s/c for 1907.... 1,231.10 Members: who have not yet paid their subscriptions should forward them to the hors, or subscriptions should forward them to the hors, or subscriptions should forward them to the hors, or subscriptions about the procured from head-in the head-in the procured from head-in the quarters before mid-day on Saturday, as mone Tit. 1 424-07 | Will be provided on the range.

Hongkong University.

A Meeting of the Committee convense by H.E. the Governor to consider the project of establishing a University for Hongkong washeld at Government House on the 18th inst. at 4.30 pm. The following gentlemen were present :--Hon. Mr. Ho Kal. C.M G. Hon. Mr. A. Thomson, Hon. Mr. Pollock, Sir Paul Chater, Hon. Mr. Chatham, C.M.G., Hon, Mr. Brewi Dr. Atkinson, Dr. J. C. Thomson, Mr. A. Repoie, Dr. Batergo Wright, Dr. Jordan, Mr. Turner, Mr. Bowley, Mr. Murray Stewart.

and Mr. Mody deferred attendance till the next meeting. sum of money has been offere with the object, required, by a proportionate amount must we time ago Mr. Rennie called upon me and in- it is: I am aware, not a well chosen time at at various prize distributions to the day which | announced compels us to act at once and for kong would have a University, and that he that it came in time to enable us to in-(Mr. Mody) desired to place the magnificent corporate the College of Medicine in the consented to be a member of this Committee, but did not desire to attend to-day. My first impression was that it was essential that the Hongkong College of Medicine should be amalgamated with any scheme for a University and should not exist as it were as a rival. This not offer sufficient space for the larger scheme, and giving up the building plans which they had already finally decided upon, and adopting a scheme of building which should be part of or capable of expansion into the larger project. The Court of the College has been in consultation with Mr. Rennie and myself for some time past and they have concurred in the proposals subject to certain conditions. But they bear some misgivings as to the vital question of the cost of maintaining the University when it has been erected. They rightly feel that they have for years past been labouring "to attain an object which at last they find to be on the verge of attainment, and they naturally do not wish to jeopardise the results of their labours by being associated with a scheme which does not offer an equal assurance of success, In other words, the College of Medicine has sufficient money for the buildings it requires and sufficient funds, and promises of help, to enable it to at once utilise these buildings to the full when erected. .. Has the projected University any similar assurance? This brings me to the position of the Government towards this project and I wish to make that position absolutely clear. I am ready to recommend to the Government the grant of a site which is considered by all to be fully adequate and well adapted for the purpose. I ut further than this the, that each of the proposed schools of the Government cannot in present circumstances go. The present and prospective liabilities -which the Government has to face are such as to render it impossible for me to hold out hopes that any consid rable grant for the maintenance of the University can be undertaken by Government Nor in such circumstances would it be right for me in the position I hold to encourage such project if there should be any fear that the onus of maintenance would eventually, in spite of what I have said, fall upon the Government feel personally very optimistic about the success of the project, and I am enthusiastically anxious to see it take shape. 'I believe that we can establish a University here which will offer equal and better facilities than I okyo, we shall attract here a large number of wealthy Chinese students who at present go to, Japan. or to America, England and he Continent of Europe. These men will be able to pay the full expenses of their College course, and the

Rennie, acting on behalf of Mr. Mody, has assured me in the presence of the Court of the College of Medicine that the depor is willing to build only a portion of the buildings required and to put the remainder of his generous gift into an endowment fund, if that should be considered the wiser and more prudent course. I.propose then, gentlemen; to appoint a Sub-Committee to draw up such estimates as may enable us to approach this subject with more precise dala than we at present possess. terms of reference, viz. the points up in which I will ask them to report are as follows: "Having consulted the donor as to the exact object

he has in view, the Sub Committee will report

University will derive the main portion of its

be a period of difficulty, a period in which

the expenses will be great and the receipts

small before the University is fully established.

I feel therefore that personal optimism and

personal cothusiasm are factors which should

be eliminated in dealing with this project.

and that we should approach it in a bust-

nesslike way, and before we embark upon i

we should ascertain as nearly as possible what

the cost of maintenance will be, and what funds

we have or are likely to have to meet that cost.

When we have actual estimates before us, it

will be for us to say how far it is judicious for

us to embark on the building programme. Mr.

income from the fees they pay. But there will

on the following points; --... (a) Assuming that in the first instance the schools embraced by the University are limited to a School af Medicine and a School of Engineering, what is the minimum adequate staff required for each and what would be it annual cost? To what extent could local assist ance be counted on to assist the professoria staff in the early years of the University and untiit began to carn an income by fees of students (b) Assuming that a School of Law were added later, and that these three Schools form, so far as our present horizon extends, the scope of the University, what buildings would it be advisable to undertake at once, with the fands at present in sight and what sum would it'be necessary and advisable to set aside fo maintenance or endowment, looking to the conclusions arrived at under (x)?

The gentlemen whom I propose to ask to advise us on these points are specially qualified to decide on the staff and buildings, and general cost of maintenance of Schools of Medicine. Engineering and Law, and also to give us rough estimates of the cost of the buildings required. When we have the results of their deliberations before us, we shall be, in a better position to decide how far we can embark upon this project, and what form our immediate action should take. As regards the first of the two questions, which I propose to refer to the Committee,-what staff is required and what its cost will be-there is nothing to interfere with an immediate reply. But as regards the second—how much money it is safe to spend on buildings and bow much should be devoted to maintenance ar as to ensure the immediate and practical utility of the scheme. -it is clear that the Sub-Committee's report will entirely depend upon the amount of money available. I feel confident that the entire community will secognise the importance of this project. It will place Hanglong id a unique But-teaching effects upon the prestige and ind during the period to 21,634,60 tous.

fluence of Great Britain broughout the Chinese Em lie, It will, Lithink, batha most import ant step taken in the recent bisto'y of this Colony. 1 take therefore this opportunity of inviting those gentlemen whether European or Chinese whose luterests are bound up in this. Colony, or who desire to see British influence. extended in the war East, or who would welcome a project which would assist the friendly The Bishop of Victoria, Hon. Mr. May, C M.O. Rimpire of China to inbtain the Western knowladge which so many of her sons are now seeking and can only obtain at great cost, and by exile from their country, to come forward and support Mr. Mody in his munificant donation. and enable us to give effect to his generous effort, by subscribing a sum adequate to carry Hon. Mr. Keswick was unavoidably absent out the scheme in its entirety. To do the thing well, and provide a fully adequate endowment even for the modest beginning which I propose, His Excellency spoke as follows :- Gentle- a sum, probably not far, shert of \$1,000,000 men:-I have asked you to meet me here to- ora yearly income of \$60,000, would be required. day in order to announce to you that a large By whatever amount we fell short of the total of building a University in Hongkong. Some | curtail the scope of the proposed university. formed me that Mr. Mody had read with great | which to make an appeal for large funds, but interest some references I had made in speeches it is unavoidable, for the gift which I have hoped might not be far distant when Hong- my, part I, think it is singularly fortunate

sum of \$ 50,000 at my disposal for this object. project before it had become too late to do "but he desired that the matter should not for so. A further opportunity for making a renewthe present be divulged. I will ask Mr. ed appeal may arise when the buildings are Reppio to confirm these statements. He has approaching completion a year or two hence. I am not disposed, gentlemen, to embark on. scheme whose success is problematical, and I were, I am sure that no "wild cat" project would find acceptance with you whom I have asked to consider this scheme. I propose to go no further than can be economically and would involve their abandoning the site, they I financially justified when we have the report of had obtained for their College buildings at the sub-committee before us. I will now pro-Taiping-shan, which is unsuitable and does pose two resolutions and ask the committee to record their votes upon them: .. I suggest that we shall a journ without any further proceedings on this occasion unless any gentleman should land, then Mr. Sutherland, was the Superinrecord a dissentient vote and desire to express his reasons for it to the committee or should take exception to any statement I have made. propose that we shall assemble for a full discussion on the data and recommendations supplied to us by the Sub-Committee at a later date as soon as I have received its report and when the results of this appeal on behalf of the endowment fund are known I trust that every one here present; will do his utmost to ensure the success of that appeal. The resolutions I put before the committee are as follows : -"That this committee desires to record its

appreciation of the generosity and public spirit which has prompted the offer made by Mr. H. N. Mndy. (2) That a Sub Committee be appointed to report in accordance with the terms of reference proposed. will will read again the terms of reference I suggest and I shall be glad if any member of the committee will suggest any alteration or addition which he desires to see made.

Now that the two resolutions have been passed by the committee I will ask the following gentlemen if they will be kind enough to serve on the Sub-Committee. You will see doiversity is especially represented in order. that we may have full and expert information on the requirements of each: Hon Dr. Atkinson, Hon, Mr. Pollock, Hon, Mr. Chatham, Hon, Dr. Ho Kai, Dr. Wright, Dr. Thomson, Mr. Bowley and Mr. Turner, and I will ask Sir Paul Chater, than whom no one has a deeper interest in the welfare of the colony, as a clear headed business man, if he will be so kind as

The resolutions were carried unanimously. · The gentlemen named signified their consent to serve on the Sub-Committee

Mr. Reppier on behalf of Mr. Mody, confirmed the statements made. After some general discussion the Committee

adjourned. THIS " ALACKII'S" CULLISION.

IUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL. Present-Lord Machaghten, Lord Atkinson,

Sir Arthur Wilson, and Sir Gorell Barnes.) The board as thus constituted sat on 19th

ult., to hear consolidated appeals arising out of a cullision at sea. Admiral-Rodney M. Lloyd C.B., and Caption Caborne, C.B., R.N.R., acted pautical assessors...

The China Navigation Company, Limited V .- (t). The Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord-High Admiral of the United Kingdom; (2) Commander

These were two consolidated appeals from a udement of his Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court for Chioa and Korea; at Shanghai. The appeals arose out of a collision which occurred on June 6, 10.6, between the appellants' steam; ship Ghinklang and her Majesty's despatch vessel Alacrity. At the time of the collision the Chinking, a screw steamship, of 1,985 tons gross register, fitted with engines of 250 h.p. nominal was on a voyage from Chefuo to Swatow, carrying a general cargo. The Alacrity, a twin-screw vessel, of 1,700 tons register, and engines of 2,000 h p. was proceeding from Shanghai to Woi-hai-wei. The appellants al leged that the Alacrity did not proceed at a moderate speed : that she did not, on hearing, apparently forward of her beam, the fog signs of another vesse, stop her engines, and navigate with caution; that she used a siren instead of a whistle; and that she ought to have reversed when she stopped. The respondents contended that those on board the Chinkiang did not observe Articles 15a, 16, 19, 22, 23, and 29 of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. On August 1, 1906, the respondent Commissioners commenced an action of:damages in the Supreme Court of China and Kores, at Shanghai, against the appellants in respect of damage caused to the Alacrity, and shortly afterwards the appellants brought a cross-action against Commander Leatham, the officer in command of the Alacrity, for the damage suffered by the Chinklang. The two actions were tried together, and on the same evidence, before the Acting Judge of the Court, assisted by an assessor. The Acting Judge held the Chingkinng alone to blame, and delivered first action, and for Commander Leatham, with in our manager in Shanghal. Through all c sis, in the second action. The Court was of | that time David McLean tendered us splendid opinion that the Chinglelang should have stopped service. (Cheers.) Shanghal at that time was as soon as two successive blasts had led her to suspect that the singals came from a vesse forward of her beam and that as the assessor made out from her log that the Chingklane was steaming at 91 knots before IT a.m , such a speed was too high. From the judgment of the Supreme Court for China and Kores the appellants preferred this appeal to His Majesty

At the close of the arguments for the res-Their Lordships did not call upon counse or the appellants to reply, " ". Lord Macdaghten said their Lordships would

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ld position in the Far East. Alt will no doubt announces that the total putput of the Com-

The Hongkong Bank.

ITS ORIGIN AND ITS HISTORY SPEECH BY SIR THOS. JACKSON.

The first annual dinner of the Hougkons and Shanghai Banking Corporation was held; at the Empire Rooms, Trocadero, on 18th ul Sir Thomas Jackson, Bart, who presided had on his right H.R. Lord Li Ching-lang (the Chinese Minister), and on his left the Japanese Commercial Attache (Mr. Wakatsuki)

The toast of His Majesty the King having been cordially honoured, the Chairman submitted the toast "The Bank "in the following terms :-- Your Excellency Lord Li and Gentlemen,-We are, Sir, first and foremost a. China. bank, and we esteem it a very great favour that you should have honoused us with your presence here to-night. (Chesrs.) . Taking all the years together, I spent about 32 in China, so that after all, perh pr. I have a claim upon you! and seven years were also spent in Japan, so that I also have a claim upon my hocoured guest from Japan on my left. (Cheers.) In fact, I am among friends, ... (Cheers.) The toast I have to propose is "The Bank," The start of the Hongkong Bank was very peculiar. It arose out of a tremendous speculative boom that existed in Bombay in 1864, when financial companies, land reclamation companies, banks, and all sorts of things were started at a tremen-. dous pace. But the good people of Bombay. in addition to exploiting their own country, cast their eyes toward China and said, "We are going to start a Bank of China with its head office in Hongkong." Well,

THE GOOD PROPLE IN HONGKONG did not like this prospect at all. They though that, after all, such a bank would be controlled. from Bombay, and that it could not possibly be a local bank at all, so they determined that they would forestall their Bombay friends and form a bank of their own. Sir Thomas Suthertendent of the P. and O. Company. He and the late Mr. Pollard took the lead in this matter and went vigorously to work, formed a provisional committee of 15, and took other measures. Liegret to say of those fifteen names that were in at the start only two remain to this

SIR THOMAS SUTHERLAND

himself, and the other is Mr. Arthur Sassoon. Well, this provisional committee did not let the grass grow under their feet; they went to work and finally launched the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, with a capital of five million dollars, commencing business in March, 1865. The first manager in Hongkong was Mr. Victor Kresser, and the first in Shanghai was Mr. David McLean. Mr. Kresser was a marvellously clever man, of immense energy, and it would have been impossible to find anyone better able to start a venture of the kind. He was full of real, and threw himself heart and soul into the work, established agencies all over the East, and everything went fairly; prosperously for the balance of the year 1865; In the meantime, poor unfortunate Bombay came a most frightful cropper, '(Laughter.)' All those schemes that they had started in this 1864 boom (which really after all was the parent of the Bank) came to nought. ()ne.by, one their financial institutions and their banks, unfortunately, had to close their doors, and finally a collapse of the ombay-Reclamation Company brought about one of the greatest disasters the city has ever experienced. As you may imakine, all, these things did not render the task of the new bankin China a very easy one, because the relations between Bombay and China, and particularly the relations between Bombay and Hong Kong were then, as now very intimate. Then occurred THE SEVER'E CRISTS

in May, 1866, and with it unfortunately came the failure of the great Agra Bank and that was followed by the failure of many other banks: the Bank of Hindustan, Caina, and Japan, the Commercial Banking Corporation of India, and the East Asiatic Banking Corporation; the Central Bank of Western India, and the Bank of India, Then again, the crisis was not confined to banks, it 'extended to merchants, and some of the most princely houses in China, including the great firm of Dent and Co., went by the board. Your Excellency and gentlemen, you may imagine that this was no easy time for the new bank. But as all good fishermen know, if you want to catch fish you must fish in troubled waters. No man ever wants to go and fish upon a pool where there are no ripples. And if we endured wounds, if we received heavy blows in connection with all these failures, we certainly had, a compensating advantage in the fact that the number of banks was reduced from ten to five. This left more room for the new bank. (Hear. hear.) And then there was another thing in our favoour: we were not demoralised by the falures and disasters that had occurred (Cheers.) We had our

OUR MANAGEMENT AND OUR DIRECTION on the spot in the East, and we recognised after the crisis had passed that there was still plenty of good business and a vast field to be exploited in the banking world in (Hear, hear,) The first six or seven years after the bank started was an anxious time for all concerned. But I am certain of this-that whatever blows we got we took standing. (Cheers) . There was a flippant individual in Hongkong who, when things were at their worst, foresaw destruction in everything, and posing as a Jeremiah, broke forth into lamentation, based on the poem of the "Nancy Bell," at follows:-- "

"It was near the ruin that was once the club

Before the smash began. Did I see slone, on a piece of stone,

An elderly broker man. His hair was thin and his beard was long, And short and stout was he-And I heard that wight on that stone recite.

In a dismal monraful key : Oh, I am the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank And Docks and Refinery. And Godowns and tiers, I own it with tears, As well as the Distillery." (Laughter and

Well, if history is correct, there were more false prophets than that poor old Johnny in Hongkong, With all our troubles and trials, adgment for the Alacrity, with costs, in the to which I have alluded, we had a great asset to bank managers what South Africa has recently been to generals, a grave of reputations.

Not only that, but I think it is on record that

"a sink of iniquity." Well, OUR EXPERIENCE OF SHANGHAI

when he left luck did not desert us because his mantie fell upon a man whose name I have only to mention to atouse your interest and enthusiasm-Ewen Cameron. (Loud cheers.) Mr. McLean laid the foundations of the bank's prosperity in Shanghal on sure and certain lines. He had the unlimited.

CONFIDENCE OF THE COMMUNITY, both Chinese and foreign. He was looked upon as a sound and a wise man, and in passing on his mantle to Ewen Cameron he passed it on to a man who, as we might say, out-Heroded Herod. (Hear, Kear.) The business Mr. McLdan founded was doubled, trebled, quadrupled and when the time came for Ewen Cameron to leave Shapphai the volume of was such as none of us had ever contemplated in our wildest dreams. (Cheers.) To me it is a great disappointment that Mr. McLean and Sir Ewen Cameron are unable to be will us to night (Hear, hear.) Sir Ewen Cameron. had hoped to be present, and I will read a letter he had addressed to my friend Mr. Addis. He sayst "My dear Addis,-I am sure you will understand what

A BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT is to me not to be able to be with you this. evening. I had been so looking forward to meeting so many of my fellow-workers, both young and old, who helped to make the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank the great bank wo are so proud of to-day. You will be glad to hear I am much better to-day, and if only the doctor would permit I would risk to-night, but unfortunately he is obdurate. Hoping you will I it is so. have a very pleasant and successful gathering. -1 remain, yours sincerely, EWEN CAMERON. (Loud cheers.) Nothing could be more like the old boy than that. (Cheers.) Whon I read it this evening I felt very much touched? about it, I remember writing a letter to of Lahman and Kemp. Ewen Cameron before I left China; in which I .. Bir Henry objected. He said that that was said I, thought it only fair to mention | not sufficient to allow of its admission that a good deal of the "kudos" that came my way in the bank was due in the first place to McLean and in the second place to him. Of course he did not choose to accept that, but, gentlemen, it was true all the same. Well, as have said, we have had

but decade after decade the bank has increased. First the capital was five millions then it was seven and a half million, then was ten million, and now it is fifteen million dollars, and I am sure the figures of the next report will gladden the hearts of all shareholders when they see them. (Cheers.) Well, the old bank veterans are dropping out one by (A Voice: " Not yet.") But they are not all on the scrap heap; though steadily moving that way. ('No.") However, their places are being taken by younger and equally competent men, and we have not the slightest doubt that the banner of the bankwill be held as high in the future as it has been in the past. (Cheers.) Looking round this table to-night see a number of art ent young faces, waiting to hear the East calling, anxious to go and take their places in the fighting line, whether it is in Dai Nippon or in Far Cathay, or wherever else they may be sent. If they do, get there, may they be worthy of the best of those that went before them. In the words of the old song, may they be

MANY HARD KNOCKS.

"Steady and strong, marching along, Like the boys of the old brigade." (Loud cheers.)

The toast was enthusiastically drunk.

" " THE TRICE SAFE."

HOLDS STUFF WHICH CANNOT BE SEEN!

" Have you seen the trick safe?" This was the question many persons were asked in the

precincts of the Police Court, this morning. In every case the reply was "No.". Iron safes. so far as we are aware, are not in the habit of getting up and doing stunts, therefore, everybody wanted to see it perform some tricks... Consequently, a few of the juquisitives were escorted into the charge-room and the first thing that caught their eyes was an ordinary looking safe, its door wide open --14 Do you see that safe?" asked an officer.

Everybody did, all the time expecting the safe to do a "breakdown." "Can you believe that twenty-five bottles -

" Of what?" queried one of the spectators. "Twenty-five bottles," went on the interroga tor, "can be placed in that sale and yet they can't be seen, even with the door open?" Gam," growled one man rudely.

Then the story was related. At about nice o'clock last night, Police Sergeant Devney, by virtue of a warrant, visited a silversmith shop at 47, Bonham Strand in search of opium, The premises were searched from top to bottom, with no fesult. In a comer of a room on the ground floor the Sergeant saw, a sale and, believing that the drug was stored therein, called for the key, but was refused. Upon this the Sergeant arrested one Li Wing Chan the master of the shop, and the safe was seized and removed to the station. Again the accused refused to produce the key. A locksmith was then sent for, and on his arrival accused it was alleged, offered to give the locksmith \$10 if he succeeded in picking the lock. Several tries were made to force the lock, but in vain. He next turned his attention to the back of the safe, and, after careful examination, the locksmith picked up a screw-driver and in the next moment, so to speak, he had the back of the safe removed and, twenty-five bottles, of morphia, valued at about 1,625, came to view. Eventually, the locksmith succeeded in picking the lock of the safe with a piece of wire. And the secret became known. There were two compartments to the safe, opening from the back and front. The accused was charged before Mr. F. A.

Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, under the Opium Ordinance, and the case was remanded...

WHETHER the public of Singapore, Penant

and Malay States are prepared to support The Motor Car and Athletic Journal is not for us to say, but the first number which has just come to hand is certainly a most promising bantling. In the Straits where the roads are good and are kept in excellent repair, motoring has long passed the hobby stage. Everybody who can afford it, and probably some who cannot, owns a mojor car, and uses it for business as well as pleasure. Again the Duke of Somerset spoke of Shanghai as nearly everybody is interested in some form of sport, or pretends to be, and the new journal, which will appear monthly, should suit them, has been very different. It was simply mar- to a "t." It is admirably got up in magazine vellous how Mr. McLean through all those form, the writing is fresh, vigorous and nawky. times steered us clear of losses. Instead of the subjects are dealt with in a knowledgeable dalling it "a sink of iniquity," we can call it style, the illustrations are clear and in- Ar about eight o'clock on Friday, oth instant, the brightest lewel in mar crown, (Hear, hear,) teresting and there is an air of breeziness and when the N. Y. K. Australian lines . Yawala | The writer then gives a list of the safaricans. We had an excellent Compradors in Shanghai, bondomis about it all that exactly suit the Maru was going alongside the pier at Kobo a the Japanese Consuls in Manchuria Office very much respected by all those who served themes discussed. There should be a field rope fastened to a buoy accidently parted and Japanese Consul-General in Harbin bete only the with bird, who accounted for the fact and a future for The Molor Cor and Athlette, as a result the steamer collided with 17703 year the Consul General in Manda that when others were losing heavily we fournal and it certainly has our unstitled wish that of the M. M. liper Tombin which was lying to too yen and the Consuls in Newchwang and escaped upha med, by saying, "Fruly Joss for success and our admiration for the enter at the pier." As a result of the collision the Antung 4,400 year each to he four towns of take care of this tank " (Langhter & All priss of the proprietor, Mr. E. Pingle, It is latter versel sustained some damage to ber the Mokden, Kingland Newchward the those of ps who have been bendled by the well printed on time paper and is a credit to bridge. The matter was sottled between their languages to military and is a credit to bridge. The matter was sottled between their languages to be languages. position in the part has been displayed by the Russian Conspin such a second to 15.700 78 toos and the sales back with gratified to the two years of the two years at the property of the Hong took the Circle of the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales being that the cost of repairs be borne by the Russian Consults can will be to the two years and the sales being that the cost of repairs be borne by the Russian Consults and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales being that the cost of repairs be borne by the Russian Consults and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales back with gratified to the two years and the sales being the two years and the sales are the two years and the sales with gratified to the two years and the sales are the two years are the two years are the two years and the sales are the two years are the two

FLORIDA WATER TRADE-MARKS

INTERESTING EVIDENCE.

Further evidence was taken by Mr. H. H. Comports this afternoon, at the Magistracy, in the case brought by Mr. A. W. Lamperski, of Messrs. Melchers and Company, against the proprietors of the Kwong Sang firm of 240, Des Voeux Road Central, for salling and keeping for sale bottles of Florida water, bearing

Mr. M. W. Blade, instructed by Mr. H. Deacon, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deac con, appeared for the prosecution: Sir Henry Barkeley, K C., instructed by Mr. H. K. Holmes, represented the defendant firm.

Mr. Lamperski, on being examined said his firm were agents for Messre Lanman and Kemp's Florida water for the last thirty years. His Florida water sales had been very considerable during the past seven years. It was at the request of Messrs, Lauman and Kemp that these proceedings were taken. They had also power of attorney, which was in the German Consulate: Sir Henry-If he has a power of attorney

must be put in. Mr. Slade said there was a copy. The original was out of the jurisdiction; it was

Sir Henry-It must be put in to prove that

Mr. Slade-I can prove it on oath. Too letter from Messrs, Lanman authorising the complainants to institute these proceedings was put in as evidence, the witness swearing. Roglishman should consider. In the old days that the signature on the letter resembled that

Mr. Slade (to witness)-How long have you

known that signature? Witness-I have seen and known signature for the last seven years. Mr. Blade-If that is not evidence I don't

know what is. Sir Heary—It is presumptive evidence; that's all. It is not evidence in a civil case and cor-

tainly not in a criminal case. Mr. Slade-The rules of civil and criminal matter are the same, except in one case in the Hongkong Ordinances.

Sir Henry said that the letter was not sufficient in the absence of a power of attorney. If this was necessary powers of attorney would be useless; oath commissions would also be

Mr. Slade argued that a letter could be given. in anything, except in the case of deeds, which must be under seal. Under cross-examination, witness said

had lived in Hongkong for seven years. There may be in the world many waters under the generic name of Florida water. Sir Henry-The words "Florida water" like the word "Eau de Cologne" are descriptive of

Witness-Yes. Were these words descriptive of a certain kind of perfume?—Yes.

particular make of a scent?

Do the words "Eau de Cologne" designate any particular maker?-They do. Upon your oath, sir, are there not several

makers of Eau de Cologne?-There are. Do not the words "Florida water" describe a perfume without describing by whom that perume was made?-I don't know an answer to

You have heard of a perfume called bay rum?-Yes, but it is not a perfume. Is it not? Some people think so,-It is

Does bay rum convey to your mind the name of any maker?-I know it is made in Kingston. Does it convey to your mind the makers?-No. Bay run is made in several places in the West Indias

Do you know if Ribald's make Florida water?-No... Rigaud?-Yes.

And Watson's dispensary ?- They did three years ago, I don't know now. . Have you not seen a different kind of Florida

water in their windows alongside those of Lanman and kemp?-No. You have not?-No. Sir Henry-When you are going home you

might look for yourself, and then you can take proceedings against them. Mr. Blade-Possibly, we will. Sir Henry-Do you know Colgate and Com-

pany of New York? Witness-Yes. Are they Florida water manufacturers?-Yes Do you know that Watson's sell Colgate's Florida water for years?-I don't know.

Can you read Chinese?-No. Have you ever heard of a "White Rose perfume?-1 think I have. Is it not a fact that when you sell Florida

water the bottle is wrapped in a blue paper covering the label ?- ot always. This question was the outcome of the question as to whether the label used by Lanman

and Kemp and that used by the defendant closely resembled each other. Witness replied that there was a slight difference, but could not be detected by a person looking into a shop Do you claim the exclusive right to use the

words "Florida water?"-Yes. You are not a chemist?-No. And you don't know how to make Florida water?-No.

Sir Henry-You ought to. Mr. Slade (to Sir Henry) - Do you know how to make ink?-I don't; but I could. Proceeding, witness spoke to being present

when the police raided defendant's firm and seized several thousand bottles of the water. "May I ask you why you place the indignit of a criminal proceeding against the defend ants, instead of proceeding civilly and get an ipjunction?" asked Sir Henry. Witness replied that he was only action on

instructions from the manufacturers. Is it not a fact that Florida water is alway put in bottles like that?-No. I can show you several bottles of different shapes.

Do you not know that in a glass factory there is such a thing as Florida water bottle?-Now, is it not a fact that Florida water is usually put in bottles of that kind?-Usually.

The case was further remanded.

The Florida water trade-mark case was concluded at the Police Court, to-day? The magistrate-Mr. H. H. J. Comperts-found that a prima facie case had been made out figure," must have as good receptions as other against the accused-Chang Chang and two others-and he was committed to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

N. Y. B. The damage is estimated at X10,000. In figure there as the Jamanese Commis.

The Commander-in-

ARRIVAL OF VICE ADMIRAL LAMBTON

DEPARTURE OF SIR ARTHUR MOORE.

Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir. Hedworth Lambton, C.n. the new Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadrop, in succession to Admiral. Sir A. W. Moore, arrived by the P. & O. s.s. Malta this morning. Vice-Admiral Lambton left London on Feb. 20 for Hongkong ... Ho travelled from Victoria by the P. and O. boats train for Marseilles, where he embarked in the P. and O. steamship Himaloya, At the station to see him off were his brothers, Lord Durham Mr. F. W. Lambton, Mr. George Lambton, Mr. Francis Lambton, and several friends.

Vice-Admiral Sir Hedworth Lambion, who takes over the command of the China Squadron to-morrow, was present on 14th ult. at the annual dinner of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom in London, and replied to the toast of "The Imperial Forces." The people, he said, who had to lose most by the loss of our naval supremacy were the great body of workers in England. Suppose an invasion took place, what would be the result! We would all feel the humiliation, but the upper classes would still exist in comfort, while the lower classes, or a great many of them would cease to exist entirely. The question of invasion was a most serious one, which every it would have been practically impossible, but nowadays with steam the difficulties had diminished. It might sound a curious thing. but the more powerful and invincible a ship was in the daytime the more helpless was she at night. The danger they had in the Navy at night was the danger of the torpedo boat and "he mine. If this country thought that by having a superiority of battleships alone she was safe, we were making a very grave error. (Cheers.) That superiority might cease in a night. There was such a thing as treachery. Personally, he had no more faith in entrusting our interests to other nations than he would have in entrusting a baby to a crocodile.

The Prince and Princess of Wales received Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Lambton. who remained to luncheon on 17th ult. On 18th ult., he had the honour of being received by the-King upon his appointment as Commander-in-Chief, China; and afterwards had the honour of being received by Her Majesty the Queen.

To-night at Government House His Excellency the Governor entertains a number of guests at an official dinner. The guests include H.E. Admiral Sir Arthur Moore, Admiral Sir Hedworth Lambton, Rear-Admiral Perrin, H.E. Major-General Broadwood, the Right Reverend the Bishop of Victoria, His Honour Sir, Francis Piggott, Commodore and Mrs. Stokes, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Pollock, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Keswick, the Hop. Commander and Mrs. Batil Taylor, the Venerable Archdeacon and Mrs. Banister, Captain Thibault, of the French cruiser ad Entrecasteaux, Monsieur Liebert, Commander Linares, of the French gunboat Dicidite, Mr. A. G. M. Eletcher, the Ray F. T. Johnson, the Rev and Mrs. Hickling, the Ray Sherwood Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Slade, Dr. and Mrs. Macfarlans and Miss Massy. Mrs. Low. Flag Lieutenant Chauvin, of the French cruiser d'Antrecastean, Lt. Commander and Mrs. Freemantle, Flag Lieutenant Nicholson, Flag Lieutenant Mulleneux, Capt. and Mrs. Wait, The Hon. Mr. F. H. May, and His Honour Mr. Justice Wise will not be able

> CHINA BORNEOS. A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

The China Borneo Co., Limited, in their Report for 1907, shew a profit of\$108,268.74 from this has to be deducted:-

Fees to Consulting Committee ... 5 4,000,00 Leaving available for appropria-

The Consulting Committee recommend that a dividend of to % on the subscribed Capital be paid to Shareholders \$ 55,700.00

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RUSSIAN CONSULS IN MANCHURIA.

THE COST OF "CUTTING A FIGURE."

St. Petersburg, February 10. A writer in the Novos Vramya criticises the Budget item for the payment of Russian Consuls in Manchuria. In the first place he thinks that the item in question should not have been placed in the category of small and unimportant payments, inasmuch as it involves a sum. of 120,000 roubles a year, !-

In the next place he thinks too much money. is spent in this matter. Two new posts lave created, with a salary of 10,500 roubles each, three with salaries of 9,000, one for 6,000, one for 5,000, five for 3,700, three for 3,500, and three for 3,000. The new Consultin Mukden: will get 13,000 roubles, and houses will be provided for most of the new, functionaries at the expense of the Government.

The Vremya publishes 'a table showing that the pay of Russian Consuls is more moderate in other Chinese towns than in Manchuria. "In Tientsin the Consul receives only plood roubles without house, in Cheloo 5,250 with house, and in Newchwang 9,000 with house. The highest was Hankow, 10,500 roubles without house. The writer in the Novoe Vremya falls into error. however, when he reasons that the salaries of Consuls should be reduced instead of exised as: living must get cheaper in China, in proportions as that Empire is better opened up. The Novoe Vramya understands that in the second Dume the Minister for Foreign Affairs defended the high salaries pald to Russian Consuls, on the ground that they must "cut a Consuls, soust dress equally well, and so on! It believes, however, that a Consul could absent himself from the Shanghal races, and nevertheless do good work, and it does not see how fhe lavish display of wealth helps him to win the confidence of the natives.

THE LATE CONSUL-GENERAL ROMANO.

DOYEN OF THE CONSULAR CORPS N HONGKONG

One by one, the old links in the chain connecting Hongkong of the past with the Colony of the present day is snapping, and few there are remaining who can recall Hongkong as it was soon after the British occupation. By the death of Senhor Agostinho Guilherme Romano another of Hongkong's oldest citizens has passed away. Mr. Romano will be remembered as the Doven of the Consular Corps and as the Consul-General for Portugal and Consul for Brazil in Hongkong. The deceased, who was seventy-six years of age, having been born at Macao on June 25, 1831, bad latterly Romano, Vice-Consul for Portugal and Brazil, begun to suffer from senility and when he took ill with a chill late last week, his indisposition soon developed into a severe attack of pneumonia and, in 'spite of the best medical aid, he passed away peacefully at 10.30 o'clock last night at his residence " Duart," Arbüthnet Road.

By virtue of his official position, Consul-General Romano was known in Hongkong in official, social and business circles. It cannot be said that his intellectual attainments were such as to have raised him into any conspicuous prominence in the social life of the Colony, but the official status which he enloyed claimed for him that recognition which was due to the rank of the representative of a kingdom which can lay claim to an alliance. with England ever since the Middle Ages, There can be no question that in the conscientious discharge of the duties pertaining to his office, the late Consul-General brought to bear | Government also attended, besides; the leading his most energetic industry, and care in the members of the public service of Hongkong service of His Most Faithful Majesty, The King | including also representatives of the mercantile of Portugal. It was in the exercise of that community in the Colony. The criminal zeal - whether carried out with or without error of judgment on his part not' pause; to consider - that an estrangement was brought about some years ago between the late Consul-General Romano and the majority of the community whose Consular representative he was. Later. fortunately before his demise, that breach was from this mail day followed in tribute of respect bridged over and in burying the hatchet of an of their honoused dead. The Rev. Father Nuold feud, both parties relegated to the limbs of forgotten memories all the soreness and differences which at one time had existed between them. And it remains as our pleasant duty to recall that, at the time of his death, the late Mr. Romano was as highly a respected and esteemed citizen by his fellow-countrymen as he was by the British and foreign communities of Hongkong, so much so that, we are informed, his Portuguese friends are endeavouring to make a demonstration of popular sympathy and also as a mark of signal respect by which the deceased was held by members of his community. ...

In the service of Portugal, Mr. Romant followed in the footsteps of his late, father inlaw, the late Mr. J. J. Remedios, to whose business he succeeded. That his services had been recognized by his sovereign the honours which had been conferred upon him by the late King of Portugal furnish the best evidence. Among the decorations with which the late Dom Carlos was graciously pleased to confer upon Senhor Romano was the Knighthood of the Order of Lady of Conception of Portugal, Companionship of the same Order, and that of Jesus Christ of Portugal.

The late Mr. Romano was also a Knight Commander of the Orders of Carlos III, and Isabella Catolica of Spain. But his most coveted honour, and of which he frequently spoke with grateful and justifiable pride to his more intimate friends, was the parchment which created him a Privy Councillor of Portugal and Gentleman of the King of Portugal's Household. Large as the Portuguese community in Hongkoog is, at no time was the late gentleman called to perform any one of those duties leading to important diplomatic negotiations between the Government of this Colony and that of Portugal; for perfectly amenable to th laws of the land of their adoption, this lawabiding section of the community pursue their daily avocations without bringing into conflict the representatives of the respective Governments. That is not to say, however, that Mr. Romano's position was a sinecure, for the friendly relations between Hongkong and Macao brought the Governments of the neighbouring' colonies into close relationship, of which Mr. Romano often acted as the inter-

It is therefore not surprising that when the death of the lale Conscilleiro Romano became, known this morning, many were the messages of condolence which were received at the Consulate during the day. Capt. Taylor, A.D.C. called personally on behalf of the Governor. The Governor of "Macad' sent a telegram of sympathy in which it was stated that his A.D.C., Capt., Monteiro, would be present at the funeral to-morrow to represent H: E. Senhor Coutinho. All the members of the Consular Body also called, and among the leading officials was Sir Francis Piggott, Chief Justice. In mark of respect to the deceased, the flags, at all the Consulates and also at the Club Lusitano was half-masted throughout the day and will remain so until after the funeral to-morrow. .. The Catholic Union has issued a circular to its members announcing the fact that, as a mark of condolence, it has been decided to close the Club to-day and to-morrow. We are informed that the funeral will take place at four o'clock in the afternoon; the cortege will start from "Duart" at that hour for the Roman Catholic Cathedral and will pass the Monument at five

THE FUNERAL.

All that was mortal of the late Conselheiro Agostinho Guilherme Romano, Consul-General for Portugal and Consul for Brazil in Hongkong, who died at his residence on the 18th inst., was laid to rest in the Roman Catholic cemetery at Happy Valley this afternoon amidst all demonstrations of popular sympathy and respect in which the deceased was held. Of the numerous expressions of condolence with the bereaved 'widow, none perhaps have expressed greater sympathy than the letter which had been received by Mrs. Romano from Sir Frederick Lugard, who also sent a beautiful wreath. His Excellency the Governor, since his arrival in the Colony, has, "on more than one occasion, given public expression of his appreciation of the Portuguese tesidents in Hongkong and his present sympathy with Mrs. Romano in her hour of bereavement is yet another mark of his kindly consideration with the widow and the community at, the loss of their Consul-General. The despatch, which was received by Vice-Consul Leiria from the Governor of Macao to-day, was also a thoroughly sympathetic message, and recorded His Excellency's and his predecessors' sense of gratitude for Mr. Romano's long and honourable services to the Portuguese Government and to the Colony of Macao in particular:

shoulders of young friends of the de- pence (37s. 6d.) per share on the old issue, and Rd., H.A.)T.] ceased. The Absolution was given by thirty shillings and five pence (30s. 4d.) per 1 It has been reported that at the first meeting was sentenced to three weeks hard labour for

vicar, P. de Maria and G. M. Spada. The ceremony concluded, the cortexe proceeded by way of Albany Road to the Happy Valley. Arriving at Morrison Hell Gap, it was headed by the Band of the Sociedade Philarmonica. of which the late Senhor Romano was the honorary president. The Band played Chopin's Funeral March and to the sad strains of the music, the procession slowly. proceeded along to the Roman Catholic Cometery. It was formed of the Band, followed by the hearse and the mourners. The beautiful casket of English, oak was draped with the flags of Portugal and Brazil. On a white satin cushion, were placed all the iusignias of the various Orders of Portugal and Spain which had been conferred on the deceased, together with the sword of the Knighthood of Christ of Portugal together with the helmet. Mr. J. J. Leiria, who is a nephew of the late Mr. was the principal mourner. The cortege was joined at the Monument by Capt. P. H. M. Taylor, A.D.C. representing H. E. the Governor, and Capt. Monteiro, who was present on behalf of the Governor of Macao, If. E. Senhor Continho. H. E. the Major-General Commanding the Forces in Hongkong was represented by Capt. Heathcote, A.D.C. Commodora Stokes, R.N. was present in rerson, accompanied by his Private Secretary, Captain Blanch-There were also present all the Consular representatives, in Honge kong of the foreign powers, the flags at whose Consulates remained at half-mast again to day; and the Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C M.G., the Hon, Dr. Ho Kai, the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, Dr Bateson Wright, Messrs. H. N. Mody, W E Clarke, Choa Leep Chee, A. Rodger, K. Hermann, Francisco Tse Yat and many others. Several officials from the Macao

to-day to represent the Ecclesiastical Body of From the Cemetery gate to the grave, the coffin was borne on the shoulders of several of Mr. Romano's young friends. The service at the grave-ide, which was that prescribed by the rituals of the Roman-Catholic Church, was conducted by Bishop Pozzoni, assisted by the members of the R. C. Clergy. At the cometery, there were present, besides the and expenditure of the province for the tingeneral community, the Rev. Fathers of the formation of that department. Mission Etrangeres in Hongkong, of the Spanish Dominican Missions, Brother Sylvester. Director, and Brothers of St. Joseph's College, Sisters, and pupils of the Italian Convent, and Sisters and pupils of the Asile de la Sir. Enfance. After the blessing of the grave and the last tenediction had been pronounced by the Bishop, the come was lowered into the grave, this last act concluding the sad

sessions occupied the time of the Chief Justice

this afternoon, and Sir Francis Piggott could not

be present in consequence. The Committees

and members of the Club Lusitano and the

Catholic Union attended in a body, while al-

most every member of the Portuguese com-

munity who could get away from their offices

ne and Father Gouvea came over from Macao

THE WREATHS. Among the many beautiful wreaths" that were sent was one from H.E. Sir Frederick Lugard and another from H.E. Senhor Pedro Coutinho, Governor of Macao. One in procelain was sent by the members of the Portuguese firms doing business in Hongk og: -Messrs, Norenha & o., Cruz Basto & Co., C. Remedios & Co., Vicira & Co., L. M. Alvares & Co., Jorge & Co., the Eastern Printing Office, Soares & Co., Barretto & Co., and the Hongkong Printing Press. It was inscribed, in Portuguese. "To the Memory of Conselheiro A. G. Romano, Consul-General for Portugal. Tribute of Serrow and Respect from the Portuguese Community." Other wieaths were from :-- the Club Lusitano, Directors, Bibliotheca Lusitana, Catholic Union, Society St. Vincent de Paul, Sociedade Philarmunica, Eusitano Football Club, Club Venatorio, Victoria Recreation Club, Sociedade Dramatica (Kowloonense), Chevi and Mme. Volpicelli, Consul and Mme. Bribosia, the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, the Ron. Mr. Wei Yuk, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Fook, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. P. Silva, Messrs. Chan Shan and Chau Chi Hing (Macao Opium Farmers), Dr. and Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Luiza Ribeiro, Mr. M. A. Vaz, Mr. and the Misses F. X. Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. Tercio da Silva, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Remedios, Mr. Mrs., and Miss E. Paulla, Mr. B. Silverstone, Mr. H. N. Mody, Mr. Eduardo Silva, Mr. A. J. M. Gomes, Mrs. and Miss Cabral Mr. J. L.de S. Alves, Dr. and Mrs. Lelio, Mr and Mrs. Thomas Gracias, Mr. and Mrs. Guimaines, Mr. A. P. Guterres, Mr. L. E. Guterres. Mr. C. E. V. dos Remedios, Mr., H. H. V. dos Remedios, Mrs. M. J. Osmund, Mrs. and Miss S. Remedios, Mr. G. M. Botelho, Mr. Francisco Tse Yat, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Alvares, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gutierrez, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Soares, Mr. and Mrs. L G d'Almada e Castro, Consul G. Friesland, Mr.

- T. Souza, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lopes Remedios, . r. Ernesto Remedios, Mrs. and Miss - E. L. Rozario, Miss Tecla Xavier, Dr. F. P. Marques, Mr. F. P. Marques, Mr. E. H. d'Aquino, Miss Garcia, Mr., Mrs. Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. P. Tavares, Mr. of drilling, etc., and Mrs. I. Rocha, Mr. M. Baptista, Mr. and Mrs. F. X. d'Almada e Castro, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Remedios, Mr. and Mesidia Heungshan and Sahuli-Me Grace, Mr. T. M. S. P. Leite, Mr. Thang Iu, Veng, Mr. and Mrs. A. Silva Netto, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Carvalho, Miss Edith Carvalho, Mr. J. M. da Silva Rozario, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Carvalho, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses E.E. Rodrigues, Mr. A. V. Apcar, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Botelho, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Xavier, Mrs. E. Xavier, Mr. A. Gomes, Miss Albina, Jesus, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. d'Almada a Castro, Mr and Mrs. L. J. Xavier, Mr. W. H Gardner, Ir., Mr. Choa Leep Chee, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. da Rocha, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. E. Machado, Mr. and Mrs. Alvaro Alves, Dr. and Mrs. G 4. Bateson Wright, Mr. and Mrs. B. Brotherton Harker, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lopes, Mr. and Mrs. F. X. I nes, Mr. G. P. da Cruz, Mr. and Mrs. R. J de Figueiredo, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Gomes, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Gomes, Jr.,

Mr. and Mrs P. M. N. da Silva, Mr. D. Dorab-

jee, Mr. Gob'Lee Heung, Mr. and Mrs. F. M.

Josus, Chi Wo Line of Steamers (Hongkong-

Macao Line), Mr. Chan Shi, Mr. A. J. C. da

Rocha, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Mendes da Rocha

(Macao), M. and Mrs. C. P. Remedios, Mr.

and Mrs. F. J. V. Jorge, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. E.

R. da Silva, Compradore and Staff, Mossrs, J.

I, dos Remedios & Co., Mrs. Loureiro and

'family, Houseboy and Servants "Duart."

ANOTHER MUNIFICENT

MR. A. H. RENNIE TO THE ERONT. OFFERS \$150,000 FOR A HONGKONG

UNIVERSITY.

For some time past it has been an open secret that a local resident, has, made the offer of a large sum of inoney to Government for a University building in Hongkong. When a representative of this paper approached the Colonial Secretary last week about the report, that official was not then in a position to make any defibite statement, ... It is now learnt that Mr. A. H. Rennie is the generous donor, and his offer of \$150,000 for a building for a University in Hongkong has been accepted by the

FIRE ATCIHE CEMENT WORKS.

STAVE DRYING ROOM ABLAZE:

Shortly after one o'clock this afternoon fire broke out in the cement works at Hok Mo. and up to the time of writing (4.30 o'clock) the firemen were still battling with the filings. The fire was discovered in the ktave drying room by one of the workmen, who instantly notified the Yau-ma-ti, and Hunghom, police, who made for the scene with all haste with their fire-fighting apparatus ... A littlerlater lynique was DR. CHENG HO. ... assistance from Hongkong was requisitioned No further particulars could be obtained this. afternoon as to the damage done by the blaze. The origin of the outbrook is also not known.

CANTON DAY BY DAY. FANTAN MONOPOLY REVIVED.

[From Our Own Correspondent:

Canton, 13th March. The Shan Hou Chu of his port has granted Last year, when the rebellion in the prefecture to Li Yiu-hing the fantan gambling farm of the Western suburb of the city at an annual rent of \$1,200,000 together with a sum of

sum, for educational purposes,

\$ 00,000 to support the military school at the

FINANCIAL RETURNS. The Ministry of Finance (Tuchihpu) has again instructed H.E. the Viceroy to submit, at an early date, a statement of the annual receipt

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

A merchant, named Pun Yuen-hao, has ap plied to the Canton Bureau of Agriculture, Industry-and-Commerce-for-the-sold-right-offloating a company to furnish a water supply and an electric works to the town of Fatshan. The merchant applies for thirty years' privilege and the capital of the company will be 1,000 shares of \$200 each.

·CHHAP RICE,

'The Canton high authorities, in devising means to effect the cheap disposal of rice to the poorer classes of the public as was done last year, have given instructions to appropriate a large sum of money from the Shan Hou Chu towards the fund required for this good work,

New recruits have been enlisted to the number of 1,300 from places around Kaochow and Yeungkong and they have been drafted in the different regiments to be trained.

14th March., A LARGE ORDER FOR REVOLVERS, 1240

Two thousand pieces of revolvers ordered by the Canton Shan Hou Chu through Messrs. Arnhold Karberg & Co., of Shameen, have recently arrived here and the Chu is making arrangements for the delivery of the firearms. "CHEAP RICE.

A deputation will be selected to-morrow at the office of the Canton Chinese General. Chamber of Commerce to proceed to trongkong to approach the officials of the Tung Wa Hospital to solicit their help in the work of the distribution of cheap rice to the poorer class of the people of this city. The officials of the Hospital will, no doubt' do all in their power to aid the people of Canton in their good work, ... It has from time to time been reported that the price of rice here has siten considerably within the past few months, and that a famine was feared. On the other hand, the authorities of the sister province of Kwangsi have egain recently enforced the prohibition on the export of the staple commodity to Canton. Yesterday H. E. the Viceroy wired to the Governor of Kwangsi beseeching him to take pily on the people of the neighbouring province and requesting him to allow only the officials of the Cheap Rice Disposal Bureku to export 50,000 steks of rice to Canton from Pingchow and Wuchow, in that province. In the same telegram H. E. stated that the permission to export the above quantity would not be exceeded. MILITARY SCHOOLS.

A German military officer arrived here a few and the Misses Arathoon Seth, Mr. and Mrs. A. days ago, and has visited the various Chinese H.M. da Silva, Mr. F. J. B. Silva, Mr. Loo | military schools and colleges here to witness Kun, Mr. Loo Hung, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. V. | the students going through their daily Youting

RIVER PATROL.

Besides those Government launches placed Leiria, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. A. de Souza, Mr. and latong the West River for ptstolling stryice, Mrs. A. M. C. Silva, Mr A. G. Rocha, Mr. J. A. C. | three other launches have now been despatch-V. Ribeiro, Mr. and Mrs., M. A. Remedios, ed to patrol along the coastool the districts of

.d. all sides TIs to Tis. to THE "TATSU WARD" AFFAIR. """ DO

As the people here are greatly, agitated over, the question converning the arrest of the Inpanese steamer Tutau Maru H.E. the Viceroy has now issued a proclamation to the public, with a view to preventing the people from creating any unnecessary trouble over the case. The following is a free translation. of the proclamation: "The Japanese steamer Tateu Maru No. 2 mith arms and ammunition" on bhard was discovered in the act of preparing to unload her cargo in Chinese territorial waters and was hence arrested, by a Government gunboat by order of the Superintendent of Customs (the Vicercy). The-Viceroy has, several times, communicated with the lapanese Consul here in order to effect a settlement in conformity with the Customs regulations, and at present the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Capital is also engaged in negotiations with the Japanese Minister. there over the question. ilt.is not deriain for the present whether a third power will be appointed as mediator in settling the case. But the said Ministry and the Canton Viceroy should do their utmost in bringing about a satisfactory conclusion, so that the people should remain peaceful in watching the pro-The funeral took place this afternoon. The WE understand that it is the intention of the gress of negotiations and keep the public peace not Road for the Roman Catholic Cathe- to recommend at the next annual meeting a the question. [The case has been settled and Friends drals; the coffin was carried on the final dividend of thirty-seven shillings and six the vessel released as reported yesterday AT the Police Court, this morning, a foreigner

Canton Salf Government League, a telegram was willisted and forwarded to the Central Government at Peking, As the message was worded in very strong terms the Central authorities at the Capital have instructed the Canton Viceroy to punish the members of the League for their despatch.

A BENEVOLENT ACT. Yesterday at a meeting held in the Oi Yuk Charitable Institution in connection with the proposed distribution of cheap rice to the pooror class of the community, the Kwang-chow Prefect, Chan Mong Tsang, subscribed \$1,000 towards the funds for the purpose. A CAVALRY CORPS.

As a large number of raw recruits has, during the past two years; been enlisted for training and forming into regiments, a few military officers have now been sent to proceed to the provinces of Kwangsi, Kwalchow and Yunnan to purchase a number of ponies and to bring them back to this port for the use of the newlytrained cavalry corps.

BOYCOTT OF JAPANESE GOODS. Yesterday morning the Canton Self-Government Association received another telegram from the Chinese in Manila, who expressed their readmess to join the people of Cauton in formulating a scheme for the hoycott Japanese goods on account of the persisting demands of the lapanese for the release of the .s.s. Tatsu Maru.

In the same day another telegram was received by the League from the residents at Shanghai to the same effect,

ernment to tepresent China at the Medical Conference held in the Philippine Islands, returned to Canton yesterday and has reported himself at the viceregal yamen, SHUM AGAIN.

Dr. Cheng Ho, who was deputed by the Gov-

A Shaughai telegram states that the Central Government has recently ordered H. E. Shum Chuen-hacun to proceed to Peking, and it is expected that H. E. Shum will probably leave that port for the North about the end of this

YUNCHOW, RIOT LEADERS.

of Yumchow was put down, two of the ringleaders surrendered themselves to the military commander, Taotai Kwok Jen-chang, and they have since served under the said commander Bora Tigris, besides \$17,000 extra, in a lump as petty officers. These two officers, instead of behaving themselves in a proper manner, often:committed serious offences, consequently they have now been beheaded by order of the, commander, who reported the matter to the Canton authorities yesterday. ALLEGED COUNTERPRITER IMPRISONED.

A few days ago, the owner of the lodginghouse named Fook Cheung was found to be in presession of a large number of counterfeit coins to the value of \$71 together with a forged banknote, and was subsequently arrested, He hundreds of prizes to the holders of tickets was placed in the custody of the Namhoi Magistrate to await trial and to be dealt with. LIKIN COLLECTIONS.

The collection of likin dues for the first ten days of the present moon as reported by the Likin Bureau amounts to Tacls 58,338,522.

CHINESE LAUNCHES.

The Ministry of Communications and Posts at Peking has forwarded a despatch to Canton inquiring as to the number of steamers and launches owned by foreigners and the number by Chinese and those of the Chinese flying the foreign flug under false pretences, and also those that have already changed their flags to less than a gamble pure and simple. The the Chinese flag from foreign colours. annian On the 12th instant during a thunderstorm

a woman was killed by lightning at about 4 p.m. at Ng Sin Gate near the new hund, On the arrival of the u.r. Kinshan from Hongkong on the 17th instant, a foreigner fell from the steamer into the water and was rescued by the water police.

"HOME FOR THE POOR!

Italiah Convent, Wanchai Branch. We are requested by the Rev. Mother Superior

	Weare requested by the Rev. Mother Superior,	advantage of the offer are sure to participate
١,	Italian Convent, to acknowledge the following further generous donations to the funds for the	in some degree, it being a case of all prizes
i l	reconstruction of the building in St. Francis	and no blanks.
	Street, Wanchai, for the "Home for the Poor";	
,	W. Lysaught, Esq	
.	Chev. Dr. Gomes	"There is nothing specific in the Hong-
u	Chev. Dr. Gomes	kong Gambling Ordinance to prevent the
71	E. Shellim, Esq., Messrs. David Sassoon	introduction of the yarn tickets or coupons,
	& Co 100.00"	as the Japanese may term them, into the
•	R'M'Conceican Wan	bale which are sold in Hongkong from and
۱	V. Attienza, Esq	after the first of March., But the whole
١	A. Bryer, Esq	
	Mosers, Johnson, Stokes & Master 50.00	ciation is to appeal to the gambling instinct
١.	J. M. de Castro Basto, Esq	of the Chinese with a view of relieving the
	Ho. Fook, Esq 500)	yarn traders and manufacturers in Japan by
	Ho Kom Tong, Esq	ridding them of the congested state of the
	A Friend of the Convent 50.00 Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon 50.00	
2	Messis, Deacon, Looker and Deacon 50.00	stock in the market and clearing away. the
	H. E. Tomkins, Esq., Messrs. Reiss	enormous accumulations in their hands."
	Mrs. J. C. Peter 4.00	By courtesy of the Editor of the Hong-
4	The Misses Lysaught 30.00	kong Telegraph we are enabled to repro-
.	The Misses Lysaught	duce, in the form of a supplement to this
: 1	The Hon Mr. R. A. Hewelt 25.00	circular, the translation of the Japan Cotton
΄, Ι	Messes. Chas. J. Gaupp & Co 25.00	Spinners' Association's Lottery Scheme.
ان	J. W. Bollev, Eaq., Standard Oil Co. of	Following the Japanese exposure the
	New York 25.00	manager, Mr. S. D. Setna, made an appoint-
3	A Friend 25.00	ment with Mr. E. Shellim, the managing
1	A. H. Ough, Esq 25.00	partner in Hongkong of Messrs. David
	Messrs, Siemssen & Co 25.00	Sassoon & Co, Ld., recently elected repre-
1	Hon, Mr. E. Osborne	sentative of Bombay merchants on the
	企業 東京 (東京 (本) (本)	Committee of the Hongkong General Cham-
rj	Mrs. Pollock 20.00	ber of Commerce, and urged the advisability
	Mrs. Hatekha Wright	of concerted action and vigorous represen-
Ŀ	Lau Chenk Sam, Beq. La. 200	tations with a view of neutralising the
· I	Messrs, Harry Wicking & Co	
	Mesars, Warren & Co.	Japanese endeavours to oust the Indian yarn
. 1	S. and J 15.00	from the China market.
٠J	Messes. Weismann & Co	No. 205.—A fair business was done in
ı	Friends Paragraphy	selected threads at last, mail's prices.
	Lau Chu Pak, Esq 10.00	No. 16s.—Only one chop changed hands
1	K. W. K.WOKI E.Sq.,	at current quotations.
-1	J. G. Los Red in	No. 121.—A moderate business transpired
	H. P. White, Esq., 10.00	in selected threads.
	Choa! Leep Ches Esq	No. ros.—Ruled steady at quotations.
	Yeem Kop, Esq	No. 8s.—Remains neglected.
1	M. Kobayashi, Etq., 10:00	No. or. Trifle sales at last rates.
	G. C. Gok, Esq 10.00	Market closes steady.
1	A. Gomes, Jr., Esq.	Arrivals:Per steamers Pooksang, Kum-
	Yeut Wing Lung, Esq 10.00	sang and Japan (from Calcutta), and Capri,
2	Mrs. Barradas	Totomi Maru and Persia (from Bombay) of
	A. Galingri, Esq	about 8,000 bales.
	A. M. Baptista, Esq 5.00	Unsold Stock : About 23,000 bales.
	A Friend 5.00	Uncleared Stock :- About 22,000 bales.
. 1	Wo Wing Taun	Exchange:—We quote to-day as follows :
1	Chou Cheng Home, Req 5.00	
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	F. Graça, Esq	Demand , 142
	Miss E. Pereira	London T. T. Sh. riroid.
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ď	Wong Fat, Esq. 2.00	

che Rt. Rev. Bishop D. Pozzoni assiste i share on the new issue, at the exchange of soi in connection with the question of the argument personal pe

COMMERCIAL

YARN MARKET.

In their report dated 20th instant, Messrs Phirozsha B. Petit & Co. write

Our last report was dated the 6th inst. The healthy tone in the yarn market noted in the two preceding circulars has been maintained, thanks to the firmness in the demand originating from the consuming districts. The scarcity of rice in some districts unfortunately has a fetarding effect on the market which would otherwise have been far more active than it is to-day. Relief measures in Canton, after those carried out with so much success last year, are being again concerted in that city, and it is fully expected that the dearness in the staple commodity of the Chinese will not attain such proportions as to materially cripple the purchasing power of the natives for the other necessaries | tions. of life. For this reason the outlook in the

yarn market is promising. Business during the past fortnight has been effected on a satisfactory basis at quotations in most cases on a par with those ruling at date of last report; while some selected threads have fetched a shade better prices here and there. Clearances have proceeded satisfactorily and with the small importations stocks in first hands are gradually being worked off.

Towards the end of the fortnight merchants in yarn received a rude awakening in the disclosure made in the columns of the Hongkong Telegruph; of the 17th inst., of certain questionable methods which the Japanese are adopting in the yarn trade. That journal devotes a special article to this latest attempt of our trade rivals to usurp the position which had been created by the industry, energy and integrity of Indian merchants in a branch of trade which ranks second in importance in the commercial statistics of Hongkong." In the article in question the writer observes that " it may be remembered that a couple; of months ago the Japan Cotton Spinners' Association sought to introduce what was tantamount to a lottery scheme into Shanghai by which the promoters expected that the huge accumulated stocks of yarn in: Japan would be worked off and a better condition of things brought about so far as they were concerned. It would appear that the Consular Body in the northern settlement saw through the move and objected to the lottery being permitted in its original form. The promoters of the lottery proposed, to 'award issued by the Association. In order to defeat the municipal laws of Shanghai the Japanese very astutely offered payment of the prizes in yarn instead of money, and in pursuance of these new tactics they caused the issue through their agents at the various ports where yarn is sold in considerable quantities of a large number of leaflets, in Chinese, describing the character of their new lottery scheme. A literal translation of that circular is reproduced in another column. A perusal of this prospectus will convince any one that the scheme in question is nothing more or drawings are to take place every other month at Shanghai and the value of the prizes offered will amount to Y50,000, the prizes being divided into 2,243 gifts. The first prize will be of the value of Yro,000, while there are two prizes of Y3,000, teh. prizes of prizes of Y624 and one thousand nine school at Bangkok. hundred prizes of Yro each. The holders of tickets which have not drawn a prize wil be entitled to receive sets of picture postcards, so that in reality those who take

Pallanice & Co. report :-quantity of yarn bought on spot and to arrive will be made in the middle of each cash.

and so the small business that has been effected during the fortnight is confined to actual requirements. The demand from the country bas not been as brisk, but there being a good clearance the general tone of the market has been preserved. However, a number of bales. has changed hands, and prices seem to have depreciated more than a dollar in some cases due to certain sellers being hasty to quit their. stocks; consequently our market closes rather

No. 6r.:-- Moderate inquiry, at last quota-

No. 8s .:- No business is reported. No. 104 :- 1 fair number of bales of several threads at last mail-rates whilst of others with a slight depreciation has been dealt in. No. 120: Some special favourite spinnings

have been inquired for at previous rates. No. 16s .- Very few sales of only two of three threads. No. 201:-The demand in these counts has

been small, and a moderate business has transpired in some desirable spinnings at quotal " Sales during the past fortnight comprise of ab ut .140 bales of No. 65 1 1. 155 of No. 108 Y 835 of No. 121 : 150 of No. 161. : 1450 of No. 201.; in all about 3,630 bales Arrivals per

Kumsang and Persia am junt to about 7,700 Shipment to Shangbal and Northern Ports of about 2,000 bales. The unsold stock is estimated at about 28,003 bales.

steamers Capril Fooking, Totomi Birra

Local Mills:-Sales nil. Japanese Yarn:-25 bales of No. 165, at St18 per bale and 315 bales of No. 208, at \$120 to \$1336 have been sold.

Exchange :- We quote on India to-day at Rs. 14.% On London at 1s. 10 9/16d.

TO DAY'S EXCHANGE.

	Selling.
٠	London—Bank T.T
1	Do. demand
	Do. 4 months' sight
1	Prance—Bank T.T.
	America—Bank T.T.
	Germany-Bank T.T.
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•	Singapore—Bank T.T.
•	Japan-Bank T.T.
	Java Bank T.T.
	Buying
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THE German Consulate at Chefoo was destroy ed by fire on 7th inst. All papers have been

LADY LUCARD returned to the Colony by the mail steamer Marmora from Shanghai this

THE P. and O. s.s. Nors, which left London on 15th ult. took the following specie for Singapore: -Silver coin, £.7,556.

PLOT 42 in the schedule of allotments of the Wong nei-chong Recreation Ground has been allotted to the Moslem Recreation Club on Sundays.

IT is stated that Siam is considering legislation for the better protection of children, and efforts Y500, thirty prizes of Y125, one hundred are being made to establish a reformatory

> A JAPANESE paper says that a well-known share broker of Tokio has had made five namecards valued at yen 3,500 each. The cards are made of gold and set with diamonds.

> THIS morning (18th inst.), following the usual practice, Mr. Justice-Wise opened and immediately adjourned the Criminal Sessions until to-morrow morning, when jurymen are expected to attend.

> An aged coolie woman was sent to gaol for six weeks last Saturday morning, by Mr. Hazeland, presiding in the Police Court, for the larceny. of 178 pounds of coal belonging to the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha

> A NEW postal treaty between Japan and China, which has been under negotiation for some time, is reported to have been signed a few days ago, and it is expected to be officially published shortly.

IT is reported from Tientsin that, in order to protect the interests of the Chinese in Port Arthur, the Waiwupu proposes to appoint a Chinese official to that port, but that the Japanese Minister in Peking strongly objects to the appointment.

HONGKONG, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's shares have been in good demand throughout the week, consequent upon the raise ing of freights and passenger rates on the river, and from \$282 to \$29 has been paid, and there are further buyers at \$291.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. B.A W. Slade to be a member of the Sanitary Board, Medical Board and Governing Body of Queen's College, during the absence on leave of the Honourable Mr. E. A. Hewett, or until further notice.

RUBADAR Major Ahmed Din, Hongkong and Singapore Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery, has been appointed honorary side-de-camp to the Governor with effect from 12th inst., vice. Jemadar, Muhammad Khan, 129th Duke of

A COOLIE named Loung ! co, residing at 20, Poktoolum Road, got three weeks hard labour and four hours' stocks for theft at the Police' Court, last Wednesday. He was accused of entering the servants quarter of the Bacteriological institute on Tuesday night and remove ing about \$10 worth of clothing, belonging to mafoos and the laboratory attendant.

A TOKIO dispatch of the 12th inst. says :-- It is Improbable that any Bill for the subsidizing of Marquis Katsura's Orisotal Colonization Company, which is intended to operate extensively in Kores, will be introduced during this session of the Diet which is now drawing to a close, owing to the Prince Ito's objections pogarding the details of the brganization.

WE are informed that the Board of Finance has passed a resolution for the adoption of acm Writing under same date, Messrs. Cawasjee, standard for copper cash throughout the whole Pallanjee & Co. report :-- of China. The proportion of the alloy for the Our last report was dated the 6th inst, since | new sash is to be 6 parts of copper and a parts when the market has remained rather weak. Of sinc. The weight of each cash will be 3 The Chinese dealers have still; on hand a large | candaveens and two li. The usual square hise

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, the Honourable Mr. Henry Reswick to be an un-official member of the Executive Council, during the absence on leave of the Honourable Mr. E. A. Hewett or until further notice.

WE hear from Canton that Mr. J. W. Loureiro, acting deputy commissioner at Canton, will probably be transferred to Kongmun, on the West River, as acting Commissioner, Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs. Mr. Loureiro's promotion will be learnt with pleasure by his friends in Hongkoug.

IT is reported from Nagasaki that the Russian Far Bastern S.S. Company's steamer Amur, which arrived there on March's on her way to Chaloo, was attached on behalf of the Kitagata Coal Mine Company on her arrival, owing to the Company baving failed to pay a coal bill amounting to Y. 37,000.

To-Morrow Mr. Justice Wise leaves Hongkong on a well-earned holiday. During his absence from the Colony Mr. H. H. J. Gomperts, first police magistrate, will act as puisned judge, whilst Mr. J. R. Wood, formerly of the Registrar-General's department, will be appointed second police magistrate.

THE death of Dr. Naka Tsussi, the most distinguished Japanese nuthority on Chinese history and a Professor of Tokio Imperial University and the Tokin Higher Normal School, took place on Sunday night at his residence at Tokio. Prior to his death, the Emperor was pleased to promote his rank and to confer upon him the Order of the Grown.

In view of the increased number of disputes between Christian converts and the masses in the various provinces H.E. Yuan Shih-vai president of the Walwupu, proposes to establish a Chiao Wu Chii, or Bureau of Missinnary Affirs, which will be charged with the settlement of all missionary questions, memorial will shortly be presented to the Throne on the subject.

THE Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steam boat Company having recently purchased the Wing Lok Street Wharf situated at the junction of Aing Lok Street, Des Voeux and Connaught Road West, it is arranged that the steamer Powan will depart from this wharf commencing from to-morrow, Wednesday (18th) The Macao steamer Sul An is now using the | WE are requested by the Committee which what and in future the Sunday Excursions by this vessel will depart from and arrive at this Wing Lok Street Whatf.

A CONTEMPORARY coins, a new, and really expressive, word in a note commenting on the position; in the Afridi country, 'It says" it is known for certain that all the border claus are very short of ammunition, although rifles are believed to be fairly 'pestiful' everywhere." 'Pestiful' just describes the character of a rifle in the hands of a stark thief of the border land. THE man Erekiel who arrested the other day It is a word that ought to go down to the rges in .company with Stellenbashed .- Singapore Free Press.

THE Viceroy at Nanking, H. E. Tuan Fang. has sent a dispatch to His Honour M. T. Liang. the Shanghai Tantai, stating that since. accordance with the Imperial Decree all union dens in the native city of Changhai have been closed down, and no steps have been taken to close the dens in the International Settlement. His Honour is instructed to request the Municipal Council; through the Sevier Consul; to adopt drastic measures in the matter in order to encourage the anti-opium campaign China,

THE annual report of the Taku Tug and Light ter Co., Ld. for the year ended December 31, 1907, shows as a result of the year's working a balance at general working account of \$271,610.43. This has rnabled the directors to pay to the shareholders two Interim dividends of 2 per cent and 3 per cent, in July and November last, and after providing for general ixpubbes, etc., there is a balance of \$231,727.04 The payment of a final dividend, of 5 per cent, together with the interim dividends paid, will give the sharsholders, a return of to per cenfor the year.

day and on Sunday last was remarkable. From II.30 p.m. a large growd stood near the Bund more insistent. We are informed that bankers terminus and trams were rushed immediately in Osaka generally appear to admit the course the up passengers alighted and the traffic to be inevitable in order to prevent the exodus manager at that point had an irritating task to of gold; Such a measure is necessary for prevent the Chinese from hinging on to every strengthening the basis of the note system of projection. The experience gained by two the Bank of Japan, and it can also be used to years' previous service at Coney Island in a prevent a financial crisis. It is necessary at similar capacity was invaluable to him, how- the present juncture that money should be ever, and the trams left that point with prompt | advanced freely to business of sound standing, dispatch and a bare breathing space for pas- but bank-rates now always rank higher than congers. At all the outer sections the con- the official rates of the Bank of Japan. The gestion was as great, and it will be a matter of consequence is that banks borrow from the general, satisfaction when the other lines are | the national bank, an t make advances to their working so that the abnormal traffic may be clients, pocketing the difference in rate of indistributed.

THE Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott, reserved his judgment last Tuesday afternoon in Japan will prevent this. - Japan Chronicle, the case in which Lau Yeong Wood and Lam Choy, contractors, sought to recover from the APAN papers report that Yokohama harbour Standard Oil Company of New York the sum of \$70,000, being for work done and materials pirates, who attacked and pillaged vessels supplied at the request of the Standard Oil, mobred in and out of the harbour. Early on Company for their works at Lai-chittak. The the morning of the 23rd ultimo a sailing boat of case lasted eight days, four of which were occupied by Counsel to open the case. Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. George A Hastings, of Messrs, Hastings and Hastings, appeared, on behalf of the plaintiffs, The Hon. Mr. H. R. Pollock, E.C., instructed by Mr. R. D. Atkinson, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, represented the defendant

journey of Mr. Cecil Clementi (a nephew of each; occasion, the pirates used the same Sir Clementi Smith), of whose travels we recent- threatening language, declaring that they were ly had a note, will doub'less prove interesting members of a band of twenty-six, the terror of to our readers. The traveller left Kashgar on the seafaring community. They mancouvred Aug. 4, and proceeding via Aksu, Kucher, with great agility a temma boat, which was Rarashan to Turfan, then made a detour pia apparently occupied by five or six men. The Urumchi and Kuch'ang to Hami, where he gang was arrested on the following day, two in arrived on Oct. 18. Here be met Dr. Stein Tokin and three in Kanagawa. on his way to Kashgar, Mr. C. Clementi left Hami on Oct. 2r for Enchou across the "beg- IT garly 18 Stages," as the Chin se call them, pe where even bracklish water is scarce, and all the fodder, fuel, and food has to be cerried by the traveller, After Suchon he was going on to Lanchou, and proposed turning south into Stechuan. He telegraphed his sale arrival at Chengtu, Szechuan, on Jaz. 19.

SOME time ago, says the Bangkole: Times, we pore at 40 cents; here it is 75 cents. It must Christian of the same college. Whether the remembered that both Bangkok and Brother Christian will remain in Hongkong is Bingapore receive a large proportion of their a matter of doubt, as it is understood that he enution from Hongkong. Bearing this fact in will become the first director of the college mind, it is indeed a perinent question; "Why which the Brothers propose to establish in

In in reported that the Paking Governmen proposes to raise a sum of Tist to,000,000, in the third moon (April) for the reorganization of the navv. In future an annual appropriation of Tis. 400,000 will be provided for.

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Co pany annenoces that the total output of Company's three mines for the work and February 39 amounted to 17,825,04 tons a the sales iduring the same period to 20,564.

A PERING dispatch states that the Ministry the Interior has obtained permission from Throne to taking a Census of the inhabitants the whole Empire. The Viceroys and Governo of provinces have been instructed on

THE Japanese share market becomes mo demoralized. Everything conspires to dri prices downward and there is no factor open ing in the opposite direction. In fact the pr sent is the blackest era that has visited Japa for many years, says the Japan Mail.

INTELLIGENCE from Peking states that, in ply to a Note from the Walwupu concernit the agreement between the Japanese Gover mont and the Great Northern Telegraph Cor riny, the Japanese Minister says that the co tract has no connection with the coast line

Six truck coolies were charged at the Police Court, last Monday, at the instance of in pector Collett, with negligently drawing titick along Des Vosux Road West on Sundi night, and injuring a coolie. The accuse pl-aded guilty. They could not stop th truck in time, one stated, and the coolie w knocked down, the wheels passing over hi They were fined \$5 each, by Mr. Gon

OUR Canton correspondent writes under ve ter day's date ((8th) :- In reply to the Viceroy' telegram requesting him to allow the officials the Canton Cheap Rice Distribution Office export to Canton so,coo shih of rice from the ports of Pingchow and Wuchow, as reporter on the 14th instant, the Governor of Kwangs H.E. Chang Ming-chi, stated that he was no in a position to comply with the request a present, but expected to be in a position to d so within the next two or three months.

I looked after the concert in aid of the blind or Saturday last to state that the response to their 'efforts were most satisfactory. We understand that a sum somewhat over \$600. will be at the disposal of the Committee for this good work We are also requested to state that the Committee is exceedingly grateful to the Robinson Piano Company for the help they gave them and for the manner in which all the arrange ments were carried out.

on a charge of steeling \$1,100 from a leather merchant in Des Voeux Road Central was, at the Police Court, this morning, sentenced to eix months' hard labour. It will be remembered that on the 20th ulto. accused called at 'No. 17, Queen's Street and asked to be shown an e leather. When the shopkeeper turned his back to procure the stuff accused stretched across the counter and from the sale removed a roll of chiven \$100 bills. He was apprehended a week later.

THE monthly competition against Bogey for the Saunders' Farewell Cup was held at Happy Valley between March 14th and March 16th. The following Cards were returned :-

O. P. Chater	(rec.c) .	Ope up
W. D. Kraft	(rec. t)	All square
Col. Martin	(rec.u)	All square
I.t. A. Baise, R. N.	(rec.12)	All square
F. B Deacon	(rec.14)	All square
H. E. Tomlinson, R.N.	(rec. 14)	All square
C. E. H. Reavis	(rec.1)	One down
C. T. Beath	· (rec.4)	One down
H. Hunter	(rec.14)	Ten down
Winner of Cup		
4 The family De	1.	

32 entries for Cup. 25 entries for Pool,

THE traffic on the trams at Shanghai on Satur. RUMOURS respecting a further increase by the Bank of Japan of the bank-rate are becoming terest. Banks ure thus induced to make advances with less care than should be observed and the incre-se in the rate of the Bank of

has recently been infested by a gang of daring seventy-right tons was attacked by five men. who, armed with drawn swords, threatened the crew of the boat into giving up eighteen yen and many articles of clothing. They left the vessel after about thirty minutes and immediately rowed to another vessel, the Kyosel Maru, where they succeeded in taking only a few articles. Again, on the 24th the Kokt Mary, a coasting vessel of twenty-eight tons, was visited by the pirates, who made off with four bags of rice, THE following particulars of the outward three bundles of charcoal, clothing, etc. On

IT will be a matter of regret to a great many people in Hongkong that Brother Sylvester, the genial and learned director of St. Joseph's College, is on the eve of leaving Hongkong to assume a similar position in Ceylon. Than Brother Sylvester it is impossible to conceive one who has endeared himself more to the hundreds of students who have been under his charge. Although he has only been in Hongkong a matter of five years, three of which he has referred to the complaints of European residents in the East as to the high cost of living. Two interesting details in the price of food which have just been brought to our member of the community. It is little wonder then that the boys and former pupils of the college have arranged a surprise gift for one of the most unassuming men in Hongkong. Brother Sylvester is lasying by the P, and O, steamer Marmora to-morrow for Colombo where he will take up the duties appertaining to the post of St, Banedict's College in Colombo. His spicessor, we understand, will be Brother Christian of the same college. Whether

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

tion	Supplied by Meers, B. S. Kancoars & Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5:								
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ding	全国的大学的一种的 U. Changabary C. Lauring and Arabida and Arabida and Changabary C. Changabary C. Changabary C. Changab	SHARES		58.0	RESERVE	ACCOUNT.	ILAST DIVIDEND.	PRESENT QUOTATION BASEDON LAST TRANS DIV	QUOTATIONS.
4-55	BANKS.				(I,500,000)				
y of	Hongkoog & Shanghai Banking Corporation	137,000	\$125	\$125	\$13,500,000	\$2,000,387	Final of £2 on old and £1;10/- on new shares for }-year anding 31,12,07	51 X	{\$595 London £75.10/-
of note	National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	n opposite	£6	£12,735}	571,293	a the state of the		
the	MARINE INSURANCES.				(\$300,000 } (\$1,560,000)		\$2 (London 5/6) (or 1903		5(1
nore	Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$219,058 \$401,959	none	\$20 for 1006	8 1)	5240
rive rat- pre-	North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15		125,000 Tis. 100,000	Tis. 204,424	[Final of 7/6 per share making in all 15/-]		
pan					(\$3,000,000)		(for 1906=Tis, 2.65) 6 X	Tis. 83 seliers
rg-	Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	13,400	5250	\$100	£70,000 \$456,407	51,460,490	[Final of SE2 making \$42 for 1905 and]		
om. eta-				7	\$517,628		Unterim of \$30 for 1906		\$840 sales
on-	Yangtazo Insurance Association, Limited		\$100	\$60 \$60	\$150,000 \$150,143 \$80,18	F394.520	S12 for year ending 31,12. 5		S152) buyers
, d	China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	Stoc	520	\$1,000,000	5572,432	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1906		2 \$140 buyers
lice ins-	Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	William San	\$250	3 50	\$1,323,941	5428 027	des les rock	9 %	\$89
day sod	China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$2 5	\$7,000	Saos		9.7	\$295 sales
the was	Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	100	\$50	3 50	\$264,638 \$96,988	Nil	\$4 for year ending 30.4.1907	 IO 7	512 540
his m-	Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ld.	10,000	Szg	\$15	\$250,000	516 437	\$512 for and half-year making in att \$-13	7 1 X	
es-	Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ld. (Preferred)?	60,000	1. 11		\$75,279 \$20,000 {60,000}		for year ending 31,12.07		529 sa. and b.
y's of	Do. do. (Deferred) Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	60,000	45	£5	270,000	£3,694	5/- for 1906 @ ex 2/2}=\$2,24 per share	31 %	{\$39 {\$27
the	Do. (Preference) Shell Transport and Trading Company, Limited	TOO GOO	Tis. go	T)s. 50	Tis. 75,000	Tis. 14 510- /172,370	Final of Tla. 12 making Tla. 32 for 1907	74 X	Tis. 45 sellers Tis. 49 sellers
ted gsi, not	Star Ferry Company, Limited	\$ 10,000	510	, 10 TI	\$65,000 } \$32,957		Interim of 1/- (Coupon No. 8) for a/c 1907.		44/0
at. do		(10,000	\$1a	15	Tis, 98,000 Tis, 419,479		\$0.50 for your ending 10.4.1907	- Kie 3	Say buyers Sigg buyers
ch	Faku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	3 ,000	7ls. 50	Tl. so	Tis, 62,000 }	TIL 18.730"	Final of Tis. 2 making Tis. 6 for 1906	12} X	Tis. 47 buyers
on er	China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	214,000	100		Tis. 30,000 J				
nd he	Luson Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	t top	100	7450,000	19,218	18 for year ending 31.12.06	# 60	Stog buyers
m-	Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000		Tis. 50	100,000	Tls. 8,935	Tis. 4 (8 %) for year ending 31.8.06	5 %	Sig sales Tis, 80 sellers
im.	Mining. hinese Englis er og sind Mining Company, Ld.	T.000.000			£150,000}				
	and Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	Ĺī.	12/20	£4,871	£11,556	Final of 1/6 (No. 9) for 1907	78%	Tis. 24 buyers
er at	Doors Manages & Conorse	\$0,000 "	21	Lt	A TOTAL	17. L11,358	No. 12 of 1/-=48 cents		\$8
to n-	DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS. Fenwick (Geo.) & Co.; Limited	18,000	525	125	:64,124			O	6 .
et n	tengkong & Kowinen Wharf and Godown Co., Ld.,				(\$3,726	\$1.75 for year ending 31,12,06	iv.	\$14
ed ed		61,nco	450	50	\$20,8:6	\$3,556	Final of \$12 making \$32 for 1007	61 %	Sig sa ox div.
	Houkong and Whampos Dock Company, Ld	55,700	150 118, 100	Isa.	\$50,000 150,000	5445443	Final of \$4 making \$8 for 1907	8, X	Sq8
ne ov	Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	li i	1.0	Tis. 100,000		Interim of Tis. 21 for alx months ending	N. T. C. C.	Tis. Bo
b.		Jopen	b. 100	18. XOO	Tis. 75,000	Ts. 23,117	Interim of Tis. 8 for account 1907	84.2	Tis/214 buyers
re	Angle-French Land Investment Co., Ld.	35.000		l'il too	The second secon		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
re .	Central Stores, Limited	10,000 50,123	315 315	\$25 \$15	Tis. 35,000 \$30,000 \$1,000	Tis. 6,531 \$10,908	Tis. 6 for 1957	6 %	Tis. Joo ex div.
re	Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	S50	\$648,975}	39,178 \$258	Final of 13 making 571 for 1907	100	S12 buyers
n n	omphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	50,000	\$100	\$100 \$10	\$250,000 \$217,436}	\$35,915	anding gr. 22.07	7 %	\$100 sellers
·	cowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	350	\$30	550,000 \$	\$653	70 cents for 1907	7 %	Sto sa, and b.
	Vest Point Building Company, Limited	78,000 12,500			Tis. 1,523,045	Tis. 107,547	in all Tis 8 for 1007	71%	Tis. 106 sales
2	COTTON MILLS.		200	200	no40	51,541	Final of \$2.10 making in all \$4.10 (or year) ending \$1.12.07	81 %	54B buyers
	ong kong. Cotton Spinning, Weaving Company, Ldissiong kong. Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing?	3 35 5 55 5	ris. 30 T	Tr. 50 {	Tis. 150,000 } Tis. 23,275 }	71s. 2,807	Tis, 20 for year ended 31.10.1907	4.9	
10	n emational Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ld	195,000	210	Sto	\$60,000	514,269	50 Cents for year anding 31.7.07	41 X	Tis. 54 sales 59 buyers
to :	Soy Ches Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Fls. 75 T	1s. 100	Tis. 150,000	Th: \$5,519	Tis. 6 for year ended 30,9.06 (8 %)	•	Tis. 55 sollers
g.	MISCELLAMBOUS.	2,000	lie too T	'le, 500	Tip. 28,257	1 is. 50,663	Tis. 50 for 1906	411	Tis. 75 Tis. 270
	China-Borneo Company, Limited	8,504	12/6	12/6	£2,199	£638	Ils nor dhase for said		
17 1 '	China Light and Power Company, Limited	4,000 7 50,000 2		512 18.50	Tis. So,000	Nil. Tls. 5,995	St for 1904	9 %	Syi Srid tales
d .	bins Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ld	50,000	\$10} \$15	2103	Stancon	\$25,000	50 cents for year ended 28.2.06		Tis. 48 buyers
	Dairy Farm Company, Limited,	25,000	571	\$6	\$120,000 \$60,000} \$5,000	53,599	80 cents for 1907	9 %	59 sales
R	141 & Holts, Limited	400,000 21,000	\$10	\$10	\$11,000	\$2,974	Interim of so cents per share for a/c x907	72 % 84 %	-Si7 St14
	Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$20 \$10	\$186,000	515,002	525 for year ending 28.2.07	91 %	S24 sellers
M 4 1 1	Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	2000 2000	\$25 \$10	\$25 \$10	\$120,000	\$4.578	Si per share for year ending 28.2.07 Final of \$15 making in all \$19 for 1907	61 X	Seg.
	Peak Tramways Company I imited	25,000	4, 100 G	1. TOO {	Tis. \$47,500 } Tis, 27,501 }	94,713	Interim of So cents per share for a/c 1907 Interim of Tis, 10 for 1st quarter	8 % 71 %	\$26 sales
и,	hilippine Company, Limited	55,000 54,000 71,000	510 510 510	\$10} \$13	none	\$2,655 \$1	persh. for period from 19th Oct. to 30th Apr. '07		Tis. 440 b. ex d. 5 513
	hanghai Gas Company, Limited	75,000 14,000: 1	1a 50 T	10 la 10	Tie googoo		Nose morrows and the secount sees	带。 145人	17 buyers
0,	banghai Pulp and Paper Company, Limited to the second	5,400 T	30 9 4	a, jo a, 200	Tis. 67,333 Tis. 45,0007	Tis, 9,751	Tis, 4 for 1905		Tis. 10) buyers Tis. 40 sellers
re.	Dan bai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	7 . 12	直 多	L 23	Tis, 24,830	Th 3,556	Final of Tie, 5 and Tie. 10 for 1906		Tis. 45 buyors
d	outh China Morning Post, Limited	tha jo		620	Tis. 75,0005	Tie Brane	Interim of a si- for account 1907 (old)	11 1 %	Tis. 123 sales
	i entsin Waterworks Company, Limited	10,000	561 18 5		Bose D	t. \$41.014	Mone	40	Tis, 375 sales
	Julon Waterboat Company, Limited	\$0,000 T	14 2 30 30	1. 100. {	Tis. 4,000 }	7le: 201	Tis. 61 for year ending to 4.07	64 %	\$6 sellers Tis. 97 sellers
7,	nited Asbeston Oriental Agency, Limited	Jayogo.	STO	84	185,000		So cents on 0,000 ord, shares and \$10.50 cm >	3 X	510 buyare
d.	Tataon (A. S.) & Con Limited, prosession and account to the Powell, Limited account to the prosession and account to the prosession account to the prosession and account to the prosession account to the prosess	90,000	\$10	Sto [\$15,000 }		100 Founders shares for yr, and, 31,5,07	61 %	Sta bases
	est set ter per est	15,000	Sp.	\$ko	Botie		Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts, (or the)		Sto buyers
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